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Hotel fire claims 19 Chicago's worst in five years

CHICAGO, March 15 (R) — Nineteen persons died Saturday when a fire, Chicago's worst in five years, engulfed a 70-room residential hotel and sent more than 100 panic-stricken guests fleeing to their nightclothes.

Firemen said 18 of the victims were trapped in their rooms on the upper floors of the four-story Royal Beach Hotel and the 19th was found in a hallway. Nearly all died of smoke inhalation.

Fourteen persons were injured, including two policemen helping guests escape the fire, which authorities suspect was the work of arsonists. It was the heaviest loss of life in a Chicago fire since 23 persons died in a nursing home blaze in 1976.

Rescue workers searched the ruined interior for more victims as investigators hunted for the cause of the fire, believed to have started in a first-floor laundry room. Police declined to speculate whether the fire might have been set.

Authorities said many smoke detectors in the building failed to work. Some were without batteries, they said. "People were panicking and smoke was everywhere," said Michael Vest, a 23-year-old tenant who escaped by breaking a window and climbing down a ladder.

Tenants battled thick smoke in darkened hallways and stairwells to reach safety, and some crawled across a ladder balanced between a window of their building and a window in an apartment house next door. Firefighters helped others down ladders as smoke poured from all sides of the building.

Nearly 100 persons fled the brick structure before daybreak or were evacuated from an adjacent building. The number of tenants was not immediately known, but officials said 62 of the 68 units were occupied.

Defaulters warned

RYADH, March 15 — Those who issue dud checks will be prosecuted and sentenced to prison for six months or fined heavily, the Commerce Ministry said here Sunday.

Quoted by *Al Riyadh* newspaper official sources said that a special committee had finished dealing with 45 cases of dud checks which hounded. "We take a dim view of this malpractice," the ministry said. "A check is a promissory note, like currency, which must be respected by the singer and trusted by the receiver." Those who must pay by check should be absolutely sure that they have money in the bank to cover the amount anytime between signing and cashing, the ministry added.

The committee which is made up of three legal consultants, a representative of the prosecutor general and a secretary, has revealed increasing reports of dud checks recently. It has asked complainants to report their cases to it for redress.

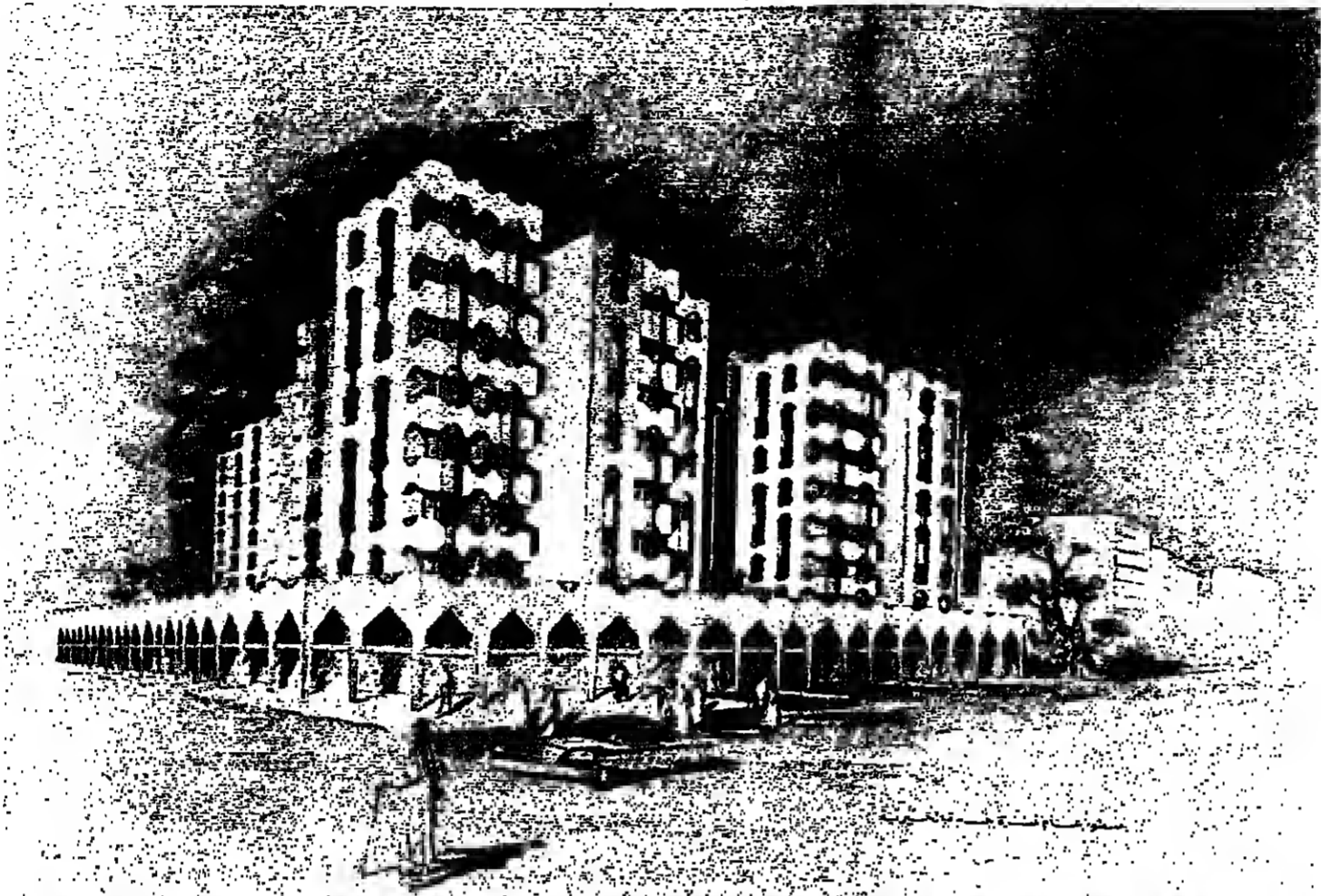
Anti Zionist march

TEL AVIV, March 15 (R) — Several thousand members of an orthodox Jewish sect "screaming 'Nazis' " respect the sabbath" demonstrated on a main road into occupied Jerusalem Saturday. About 600 police and crack border patrol guards were called in to control the demonstration by 5,000 men, women and children of the anti-Zionist Neturei Karta sect, a police spokesman said.

After some scuffles and stone-throwing, mounted police confronted the crowd and a water cannon with a special green dye was used to disperse them. A policeman was injured in the eye by a rock, but no arrests were reported, the spokesman said. The protest was against alleged police brutality last week when Israeli border police raided a religious college and 22 persons were injured and 40 arrested, sect leaders said. They also have a dispute with the authorities over a road which passes their neighborhood, leaders said.

Dressed in their traditional long black and white satin cloaks and wide-brimmed fur hats, the demonstrators swung their arms in circular movements to signify passing motorists that religious law forbids travel on the sabbath.

The protest follows demonstrations by orthodox Jews outside Israeli consulates in London and New York. Neturei Karta members do not recognize the state of Israel. Their rabbis have called for the occupied holy city to be placed under U.N. sovereignty.



CHARITY: A Saudi Arabian philanthropist who insisted on remaining unnamed has earmarked SR100 million to build housing projects for the needy families in four cities Jeddah, Riyadh, Mecca and Medina. He said the apartments will be allotted to the applicants by a committee specially set up for the purpose. One of the projects which will already under construction behind the Sheraton hotel in Jeddah. It will consist of 189 flats in addition to skyrooms and shops. Income from the rented properties—shops, showrooms, banks, restaurants and the like—will be used for the maintenance of the buildings so that the tenants do not have to spend anything towards that end, he said. The photograph is an architect's impression of the Jeddah part of the project.

Kingdom's crude output rises

By Scott Pendleton
Riyadh Bureau

RYADH, March 15 — Saudi Arabia's crude oil production in 1980 reached 9,980,394 barrels per day, according to *Saudi Arabia, Oil and Gas Weekly*, a new publication released to *Arab News* Sunday by the ministry of petroleum. That level is a 3.8 per cent increase over the 9,532,572 BPD produced in 1979. Total crude production in 1980 was 3,623,544,126 barrels.

ARAMCO was responsible for the increase, with its production rising from 9,251,079 BPD in 1979 to 9,631,366 in 1980. Production from the Getty Oil Co. concession in the onshore outland zone declined during 1980 to 77,260 BPD from 82,485 BPD the previous year. Production from the Arabian Oil Co. in the offshore neutral zone also declined, from 199,008 BPD in 1979 to 191,768 BPD in 1980.

The oil reserves of all three companies, and, therefore, of Saudi Arabia as a whole, declined in 1980. ARAMCO's crude reserves slipped from 164.77 billion barrels to 164.22 billion barrels. Getty's reserves dropped to 0.45 billion barrels from 0.48 billion, and AOC's reserves sank from 3.14 bil-

lion to 2.79 billion barrels. As a whole, the Kingdom's reserves declined from 168.39 to 167.46 billion barrels. That is about 25 per cent of the world's proved reserves, according to Petroleum Minister Zaki Yamani, who wrote the preface to the publication.

Saudi Arabia's gas output also increased during 1980 over 1979. Production was 1,919,120 million standard cubic feet (MMSCF) that is a 2.5 per cent increase over the 1,872,322 MMSCF net production in 1979.

The entire increase came from ARAMCO. In 1980, the company produced 1,884,354 MMSCF of gas, or 5.148 billion cubic feet per day, compared to 1,836,233 MMSCF in 1979. Getty's gas output declined from 9,333 MMSCF in 1979 to 8,766 MMSCF in 1980. AOC's output slipped to 26,000 MMSCF in 1980 from 16,756 the year before.

The portion of ARAMCO's gas production which was reinjected decreased from 30,945 MMSCF to 9,543 MMSCF. The portion which was used rose from 443,961 MMSCF to 526,106 MMSCF. The amount of gas ARAMCO flared dropped from 1,392,272 MMSCF to 1,358,248 MMSCF. On a percentage basis, the portion of gas used

or conserved rose from 25.8 to 28.4 per cent.

Saudi Arabia's gas reserves at the end of 1980 stood at 116,600 MMSCF, or about four per cent of the world's total.

In the area of refined products, ARAMCO's output of LPG jumped from 79,523,000 barrels in 1979 to 96,037,630 barrels in 1980. Exports likewise rose, from 76,224,912 barrels in 1979 to 92,073,660 barrels, in 1980. Domestic sales of LPG declined from 2,701,000 barrels to 2,143,028 barrels.

Output of most other refined products increased from 1979 to 1980: Premium gasoline from 14,667,000 to 17,879,000 barrels; Regular gasoline from 6,649,000 to 8,164,000 barrels; Jet fuel from 248,000 to 355,000 barrels; Kerosene from 9,913,000 barrels to 12,526,000 barrels; Diesel oil from 34,991,000 to 44,696,000 barrels; and Asphalt from 7,937,000 to 8,268,000 barrels.

Output of naphtha fell from 51,150,000 to 45,560,000 barrels. Production of fuel dipped from 97,997,000 to 89,048,000 barrels. Total output of refined products increased from 304,735,000 barrels in 1979 to 323,835,000 barrels in 1980.

Reagan: Russians violated human rights

NEW YORK, March 15 (Agencies) — President Ronald Reagan has said that there is no sense in bargaining with the Soviet Union "until there's some evidence that they're changing their attitude and their activities." He also suggested that the Russians violated a human rights accord by moving troops near Poland.

In an interview with *The New York Daily News* during a weekend trip to New York, the president said that under the Helsinki accords, one nation must notify the others when it moves more than 25,000 troops.

Referring to "the war maneuvers that are going to start with regard to Poland," Reagan said: "Well, there've been no notifications by them and they claim this doesn't come under the Helsinki pact."

"I don't know why we think it does or they think it doesn't," Reagan said, referring to whether the agreement actually requires such notification. Asked if he has answered the invitation for a summit issued recently by Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev, Reagan said, "I don't believe there's any sense in sitting down at a table with them unless there's some evidence that they're changing their attitude and their activities."

"And this has to do with Afghanistan, this has to do with Poland, this has to do with their support... of the Cubans and the East Germans in Africa, but also the invasion of our own hemisphere over their support of that."

But Reagan said he would "consult completely with our allies on this," though adding that "a lot of these other things have got to show a change in attitude on their part."

He said it was interesting that the Soviets should make the overture about arms limitations "as we start our military build-up." He said that perhaps the United States would do a little more building and then "it'll be a two-way street." Reagan's proposed 1982 budget calls for large increases in military spending.

On another subject, Reagan said he thinks "there has been a slowdown from Nicaragua" in the flow of arms to guerrillas in nearby El Salvador, whose centrist ruling military junta the United States is supporting.

Giscard, Schmidt discuss ties with America

STRASBOURG, FRANCE, March 15 (R) — President Valery Giscard d'Estaing and West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt met Sunday night for talks on relations with the United States and European problems, French officials said.

The meeting comes one week before a European Common Market summit in the Netherlands and follows visits to the United States this month by French and West German foreign ministers Jean Francois-Poncet and Hans-Dietrich Genscher. The surprise meeting was only revealed Friday by the French embassy in Bonn.

A French presidential spokesman said that the talks centered on relations with the United States. French officials consider relations with the Reagan administration as good, but

there have been press reports of strains between Bonn and Washington.

Some reports say French and German attitudes toward the Soviet Union seem to be diverging with Giscard d'Estaing taking an increasingly firmer line while Schmidt is concerned with maintaining good relations with Moscow and East Germany, his Communist neighbor.

Informed sources in Paris said both leaders may wish to compare the American reaction to these differing viewpoints.

On European affairs, West Germany and France are opposed to Britain over the EEC's long-running attempts to create a common fisheries policy. France will also be seeking

higher farm prices than Britain and West Germany when the community's farm ministers resume their annual wrangling in Brussels Monday.

Both these thorny issues are likely to be discussed at the Maastricht summit March 23 and 24 when France also wishes to raise the threat posed to European industries by increasing Japanese domination of European markets.

Giscard d'Estaing is seeking a second seven-year term at next month's presidential election, and both men will want to exchange views on recent political developments in their own countries, the informed sources said.

Ecevit backs military government

HAMBURG, March 15 (R) — Former Turkish Prime Minister Bulent Ecevit said that he believed Ankara's military government had a much better chance of combating political violence than a civilian one.

But, he said in an interview to *Der Spiegel* magazine Sunday, that the military should not prevent a return to democracy.

Referring to political violence which prompted the military coup last September, Ecevit said: "By its very nature the present regime has far greater advantages in dealing with terrorism than a civilian, democratic government."

"Looked at this way, one can rate its chances as better provided it uses this chance in a way which does not prove counterproductive on our path to a real democracy."

Ecevit, whose successor Suleyman Demirel was ousted by the military after less than a year in power, said the methods of the military government might go against democratic principles.

But, he added: "One should also remember that our difficult economic and social problems could easily be exploited by those who want to help the terrorists."

To perform Umra Ex-hostages arriving today

By Farouk Laqman

JEDDAH, March 15 — The Pakistani passengers released early Sunday from their hijacked airliner in Damascus were due to arrive in Taif Monday noon to perform the Umra, in Mecca, and visit the mosque of Prophet Muhammad in Medina. *Arab News* has learned from informed sources.

The sources said the passengers had expressed the wish to visit Islam's holiest place to thank God for their salvation after their 13-day ordeal in which they were incarcerated by armed hijackers inside their PIA plane first at Kabul and then at Damascus airport. The Pakistani government reciprocated their feelings and offered to bear all the expenses of the Umra. The Saudi Arabian authorities who have been informed, have agreed to receive them and facilities their Umra.

The Umra is expected to be performed after a medical checkup. The passengers will fly back to Pakistan on Tuesday where, according to the *Arab News* correspondent in Pakistan, Shahid Orakzai, an emotional welcome awaits them.

The release followed a Syrian offer to give asylum to the three hijackers and 54 Pakistani prisoners freed on their demand who were turned back by Libya at the 11th hour. President Hafez Assad then agreed to accept the prisoners and the skyjacker after President Zia ul-Haq conveyed his oo objection.

Education Minister Muhammad Ali Khan along with senior Pakistani officials greeted the released passengers with bouquets. He conveyed President Zia's special greetings to an old lady Mrs. Anwar Jan, 60, who rejected a freedom offer by hijackers until her son was released. The devoted mother thanked the minister as she was helped down the gangway, and an airhostess who remained on board.

Tearful and with visible signs of traumatic experiences suffered by them the passengers were quickly moved to a Syrian hospital.

Meanwhile, there were oo official word on the fate of the three surrendering air pirates.

It also remained unclear whether the Syrian government had actually agreed to grant political asylum to the hijackers and the political prisoners freed from Pakistani jails in exchange for the freedom of the plane hostages.

"After the release of the hostages, the Pakistani prisoners will be allowed to leave to any country of their choice," said the Syrian government newspaper *Tishrin*.

Although the official daily did not elaborate, the apparent inference was that the government of Syria has accepted the hijackers

and the free prisoners mainly to free the hostages.

However, according to the Pakistani newspaper *Jang* Saturday, the 54 prisoners had traveled on valid passports and would be allowed to return to Pakistan if they wished. They had been officially assured they would not be re-arrested.

In Tripoli Col. Muammar Qaddafi, said Sunday that Libya turned back a plane carrying prisoners for a proposed hijacking swap because it did not know enough details about the incident.

A Libyan information official said Libya refused Saturday to accept a jet carrying Pakistani prisoners in a deal with air pirates in part because Libya wants to shed its image as a supporter of international terrorism.

Qaddafi said at a press conference Libya opposes "taking innocent people as hostages." When asked specifically why Libya turned back the jet, he answered: "We have no clear information about this incident: Who hijacked the plane, who was on it, whether the prisoners were political people or ordinary criminals. We could not involve ourselves in this issue."

Meanwhile, Zia sent Sunday a congratulatory message to the passengers.

The president also mentioned two doctors on board who looked after their fellow-passengers. He thanked Pakistani defense ministry officials and other government representatives who had been involved in negotiating the release of the passengers in exchange for freeing 55 political prisoners in Pakistani jails.

In another development, the *Pakistan Times*, whose editor is considered close to the country's leadership blamed Syria, Afghanistan and the Soviet Union on the hijacking issue. A government statement was still awaited. The paper in an editorial approved the government's behavior during the drama. The editorial surprised observers by including a plea for the resumption of political activity banned since President Zia ul-Haq took power in 1977. The ban only encouraged clandestine movements, the paper said.

The *Pakistan Times* editorial said that President Zia took "a right decision" in conceding to the hijackers' demands to release 55 prisoners as the only way to save the lives of "more than 100 innocent passengers."

The editorial blamed "a conspiracy of circumstance" for forcing Islamabad to go back on its resolve not to submit to blackmail. The paper added, "Kahul was openly hostile and, to the eternal discredit of its rulers, a young upcoming diplomat (one of the aircraft passengers) was cold-bloodedly murdered."

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Denmark to organize fire-safety seminar

By Alan Kenney

JEDDAH, March 15 — Danish officials at present are taking steps to exchange experience achieved within the field of fire protection between Saudi Arabia and Denmark at a Saudi Arabian/Danish Symposium on Fire Protection Techniques and Building Codes, according to Danish sources.

The purpose of this symposium would be to discuss and recommend methods of improving the protection of people and values in buildings and industrial plants against fire, improving existing fire codes and increasing co-operation within the field of fire protection techniques, building and fire codes and testing techniques for building materials and construction in relation to fire protection between Saudi Arabia and Denmark, Hans Bay, a program director told *Arab News*.

Government organizations that are being contacted for the seminar include Civil Defense, Saudi Standards Organization, Ministry of Industry and Electricity, Royal Commission for Jubail and Yanbu and the Port Authority. Prior to the symposium, organizers want to invite a delegation of four to six Saudi Arabian experts on fire protection to Denmark to exchange fire protection experience. According to Bay, the Danes would like to get Saudi Arabian views on local needs in the field. In addition, Danish officials will offer information on the way building materials and industrial plants are protected in Denmark and how the materials are tested and fire codes determined, he added.

At the time of the symposium, delegates will discuss issues concerning the exchange of experience in fire fighting, possibilities of improving fire codes, use of fire retarding building materials and construction, use of equipment for fire protection and the improvement of fire protection methods in buildings and existing industrial plants.

Danish efforts for the symposium will be backed by the Danish Ministry of Housing and the Danish Building Export Council. Other organizations working on the symposium include experts on fire protection

from the Danish Technical University, The Official Danish Institute for the testing of building materials and construction regarding fire protection (BANTEST), the Danish Fire Protection Authorities and private companies, according to a Danish Building Export Council report.

According to Bay, who also is general manager of Scanbuilder Ltd., there is a growing concern for fire safety in the Kingdom and Danish efforts are meant to help provide pertinent information regarding fire safety facts. He said that how well a building performs in protecting life and property in a fire, rather than the composition of materials used is the important criterion by which to judge the ultimate safety of a structure. In other words, it is the contents of most buildings that are combustible and it is the combustible contents, not the building which are potential fire hazards.

Earlier, *Arab News* published a report by fire specialist Karl H. Bhom, who said that potential fires and property damage could be kept to a minimum through public education, safety practices in business and by installing sprinkler systems in buildings.

In addition, businesses could keep fire hoses in storage areas, which themselves could be located next to fire hydrants. The rapid development and urban expansion in the Kingdom makes the matter of fire safety significant, Bhom reported.

One misconception about buildings in the Kingdom where climatic temperatures become very high, is that concrete and steel is less likely to be affected than laminated wood products. "Although timber is often regarded as a flammable material, it is the contrary for heavy laminated timber structures. In a fire, laminated timber beams char to a small depth and further burning is extremely slow," Bay said. As a result it has been proved that the roof of a building in which the main structure members are of laminated timber, will hold up for long period and even remain after the building is burned out.

On the other hand, steel structures under the same conditions often soften and collapse before the fire can be put out, he added. "The



DAMAGE: Steel beams hang limp over a laminated wooden beam that has withstood a devastating fire. Danish officials are working to present a seminar to discuss fire safety with local agencies.

difference has been proven in the United States where fire insurance companies give better premium terms for heavy timber constructions than for those of unprotected steel," he said.

As a result, timber in large dimensions is fire stable and should be a consideration in building in Saudi Arabia. Bay added that wood is a bad thermal conductor and that the natural moisture content of 11-12 per cent in laminated wood slows the impact of a fire. "It has been proved that through a number of scientific experiments as well as by actual experience, that the speed of the fire in laminated wood travels at a constant of 0.5 mm per minute," he added.

He said that steel loses strength rapidly as its temperature rises above 250-degrees centigrade. At about 500 degrees-centigrade, steel has little less than half of its original breaking strength and will start to deform and at temperatures between 600-750 degrees centigrade, a collapse will occur. With laminated timber, temperatures above 1,000-degrees centigrade has a temperature in the center of the beam only at about 90-degrees centigrade.

Concrete cannot burn, but it is a fact that it often chips and cracks with the result that the reinforcement is exposed and damaged to an extent that the structures cannot be repaired, Bay said. "Many times after a fire involving laminated wood, the wood is re-planed and is able to be used over again," he added.

In Abu Dhabi Arab Fund officials to meet

By Adnan Sadeq and Muhammad Al Qahtani

JEDDAH, March 15 — Twenty-one Arab finance ministers and central bank governors will meet in Abu Dhabi for a gathering of the Arab Monetary Fund, Saudi Arabia's delegate said Sunday.

Dr. Abdullah Al-Qaui, deputy minister of finance, told *Arab News* that participants would discuss on April 18 and 19 payment of the remaining shares in the capital of member states. Of the fund's \$900 million capital, member states have paid 52 per cent to date. It is expected that participants in the meeting will decide on payment of total shares originally determined for the fund's capital.

Indian firm wins electricity pact

Riyadh Bureau

RIYADH, March 15 — An Indian company won an SR65 million contract for building the first phase of the Jizan Central Electricity Project, *Arab News* learned Sunday.

Bharat will sign the contract with the General Electricity Corporation in the next few days. The contract calls for expanding the electricity network in the southern region to cover 64 towns and villages around Jizan, Sabia and Abu Arish. The contract will be

approval of a statute on the settlement payments among Arab states. They also expected to hold a discussion on the raising the ratio of loans given by the fund. The present system ties up the amount of loans with the share of the loan-seeking state, provided it does not exceed 300 per cent of the paid capital of that state. However, the countries are expected to agree unanimously raise the ratio to 400 per cent.

Saudi Arabia, Iraq and Algeria are among the major states participating in the fund capital. The Kingdom's share amounts to per cent of the fund's total capital.

The upcoming session will be chaired by Algeria with the Saudi Arabian delegate vice-chairman.

COMMENT

By Muhammad Abdul Rahman Al Yam

During the recent visit of Tabuk Governor Prince Abdul Majid to the coastal regions in his governorate, the idea of building a commercial port in the north gained some ground.

Although the site for the port has not been specified yet, there has been a unanimous view on the importance of such a project.

One good aspect of this port would be that it would spur commercial, economic and investment business in the region. Besides, it would provide an important outlet for the import/export business with several coastal regions of the world. In this connection, we cannot ignore the strategic significance of the Red Sea in creating an east-west link, hence the need for more ports to ease congestion now at existing ports on the Red Sea.

Since the port is considered an important infrastructure in the promotion of development plans, a new seaport in the north would certainly invigorate the development process in the region and eventually break bottlenecks by facilitating the import of goods from distant ports. Additionally, the new port would be instrumental in reducing the cost of transport, which consequently would help in bringing down the price of commodities for the benefit of the people.

Also, the creation of a new port would facilitate further the import of goods from several ports, and would bring in revenue if neighboring states decide to make use of its facilities.

If this dream comes true, the new port would undoubtedly constitute a significant turning point in the history of the region, since it would enhance opportunities for comprehensive development and restore the prominence of the northern region in the field of trade and commerce.

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Track race scheduled for Mecca

MECCA, March 15 (SPA) — A cross-country championship among 26 educational teams in Saudi Arabia will take place April 1-6 in a football match at the Youth League Stadium at Al-Malazz. Most of the well-known Saudi Arabian players are absent from the match. One goal was scored during the first half and the second after the second half. It was the second victory for the Saudi team which already beat Iran 2-1 last week.

In a separate development, the fourth session of the Arab Ministers of Youth and Sports Council opened here Saturday. The two-day meeting will discuss youth activities and elect a new executive bureau for the council.

The ministers also will take up Jordan's invitation to host the ninth Arab school sports festival and set the dates for the fifth Arab Youth Festival in Syria, the sixth Arab Sports Festival in Morocco, and the next session of the council scheduled in Somalia.

Discussions also will deal with the ways and means to foster Arab-African cooperation in fields of sports and youth, assistance to Morocco to enable it to host the 1983 Mediterranean games and adoption of the draft statutes of the Palestine Cup competition.



ARAB UNITY: Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal reviewed with Arab League Secretary General Cheddi Kibbi the agenda of the coming session of the league's council. Kibbi, who arrived from Khartoum on Saturday, told newsmen that Prince Saud gave his views regarding measures to close Arab ranks.

To prepare for Khartoum meeting Red Sea mining resources discussed in Sudan

JEDDAH, March 14 — The secretary general of the Saudi-Sudanese Commission for the Development of Red Sea Resources returned here recently after a few days' visit to Sudan, *Al-Bilad* reported Saturday.

Dr. Zaki Mustapha held talks with Sudanese officials on the commission's current and future projects and preparations for the upcoming meeting to be held in Khartoum in the beginning of next month.

The ambitious five-year program of the commission includes several experimental exploitation operations, Dr. Mustapha said. The present pre-commercial exploitation stage of the commission will cover large quantities of minerals lying at the Red Sea

floor including gold, zinc, lead and cobalt.

Dr. Mustapha said the commission has acquired advanced technological devices that had been prepared specially for the Red Sea environment. The joint participation took a step forward in qualifying nationals, Saudi Arabian and Sudanese youth have been sent to Western universities for higher studies and specialization, the secretary general said.

Pointing to the commission's relations to educational institutions in the two countries, Dr. Mustapha said that King Abdul Aziz University of Jeddah and the Meteorology, Mineral Resources School and Sudanese universities are assisting the joint program. The commission also has close relations with

specialist international organizations, the secretary general said.

Acquiring skilled nationals is a major objective which will be achieved through ambitious training programs, according to Dr. Mustapha. The forthcoming meeting of the commission will be attended by Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani, petroleum and mineral resources minister, and Sherif Al-Tuhami, the Sudanese energy minister.

Preliminary indications two years ago had shown that the joint project could be more profitable than most land mines. Exploration and research concentrate on the Atlantis II Deep, a field midway between Jeddah and the Sudanese coast line.

Abha phone office opens cable info section

RIYADH, March 15 — Saudi Telephone's southern district manager, Abbas Sehli, Sunday announced the opening of a new service for citizens who do excavating work.

A section of the Abha subscription office has been turned into an office to provide contractors with information on buried cables and underground conduits, the manager's office reported.

Subscribers in the southern district now can either call Saudi Telephone's free cable location service (906) or visit the Abha subscription office. Saudi Telephone experts then will visit the construction site with the contractor, and will pinpoint the location of buried telephone cables, a press report added.

Maps and diagrams will be provided also.

A company report said the free service is a worthwhile investment in time and effort for both the contractor and Saudi Telephone, and ensures uninterrupted service for subscribers.

According to the Saudi Telephone report, the universal warning of "call before you dig" is aimed at anyone, private citizens and companies alike, who plan to excavate in an area where telephone cables may already be placed. The elimination of cable damage can be assured in southern district either by calling the special number or by visiting the subscription office, the report added.

Riyadh water network subdivided

RIYADH, March 15 (SPA) — Riyadh Water Department has subdivided the city's water network into three parts to receive an uninterrupted water supply 24 hours a day. The distribution followed the approval Saturday by Prince Salman, Riyadh's governor who also is the department's president.

Water will be pumped continuously for 24 hours to each of the three sections then stop for 48 hours, according to Omran Muhammad Omran, the department's director. This system will be especially convenient for the summer period when water consumption reaches its peak. It will ensure a regular and equitable water distribution, he reported.

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In CIA spy network

Maputo aides admit espionage

MAPUTO, March 15 (Agencies) — The government of President Samora Machel has formally accused U.S. intelligence operatives of attempting to destabilize Mozambique by recruiting agents within the Machel administration. In a sort of public confession session, which about 100 journalists attended, Mozambique Foreign Ministry official Jose Massinga and air force Capt. Alcido Chivite said they had collaborated with the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) agents who were acting under cover of diplomatic immunity.

Four American diplomats and two of their wives were expelled from Mozambique early this month, accused of operating a spy network that leaked Mozambique military intelligence to the South African defense force.

The press conference Saturday was intended to show that the CIA had prepared "a campaign of destabilization and assassinations" in the southeast African country, said Mozambique Information Minister Jose Luis Cabaco. He said that some details of the alleged U.S. infiltration were still secret and that an investigation was continuing. He refused to say how many people had been detained as a result of the investigation.

Prank may have caused fire at London party

LONDON, March 15 (AFP) — Detectives investigating the New Cross party fire in London now believe the blaze, which killed 13 persons, may have started as a silly prank — and is reinforced by the lack of any motive. As the inquiry enters its second week, a picture of what really happened in the front room of 439 New Cross Road in the crucial 15 minutes before the fire started at 5:43 a.m. is beginning to emerge. The greatest problem facing detectives has been the resolution of conflicting accounts from partygoers, all of whom were distraught over the tragedy.

Three witnesses who saw the fire minutes after it broke out believe it started in different places. Mrs. Amza Ruddock, in whose house it took place, says it started near the window. Two others who saw the fire moments before Mrs. Ruddock did say it was all over the room and the carpet was ablaze.

Both accounts are credible, but they point to different explanations of how the fire started. Another conflict is about whether there was a fight in the front room, and if so, what happened. Angela Jackson who left the room at 5:30, says there was no fight. Others say there was.

though unconfirmed estimates have ranged as high as 1,000.

Massinga and Chivite gave details in the way they said they had been contacted by U.S. diplomats from the time of independence six years ago to the days immediately after a raid into Mozambique by South African forces last January that killed 11 members of the African National Congress, which has been banned by Pretoria.

They said that the American diplomats were chiefly interested in information about Machel, key figures in the government and military, and on the role and number of Cuban, Soviet, East German and Chinese advisers in Mozambique. But neither Massinga nor Chivite was able to provide any tangible proof of dealings with the Americans.

The information minister also gave the floor to a Mozambique secret service agent, an air force captain answering to the code name "Magalhaes," who claimed to have penetrated the alleged CIA network in Mozambique by pretending to agree to provide information. It was reportedly Magalhaes' revelations that "unmasked" the activities of the Americans.

Massinga, 51, director of the department of research and personnel in the ministry of foreign affairs, said he was first approached by a CIA officer in 1966 or 1967 when he was studying in the United States. He said he turned down a request by the agent, identified only as "Willy," for help with what was described as research.

But the same man approached him again in late 1975, when Massinga was at the U.N. as part of a foreign ministry delegation, and asked him to work for the CIA. Massinga said he was later given instructions in signaling U.S. researchers give hope to coffee addicts

U.S. researchers give hope to coffee addicts

NEW YORK, March 15 (AP) — Despite a study linking coffee to cancer of the pancreas, it's too soon to hang your coffee mug for good, researchers say. The latest evidence may be misleading, they explain, and three more studies on the disease — whose occurrence has tripled in the past 30 years — are on the way. The most recent study, by Dr. Brian MacMahon and colleagues at Harvard, turned up a link between coffee drinking and pancreatic cancer, the fourth leading cause of cancer deaths. The Harvard researchers reported Thursday that people who drink as much as two cups of coffee a day nearly double their chances of the disease, and three-cup-a-day imbibers nearly triple their risk.

Two months earlier, a university of Maryland study said drinking decaffeinated coffee was a risk factor for pancreatic cancer, along with drinking wine and occupational exposure to dry cleaning or gasoline.

and "making drops." He said he had worked in Maputo with some of the six U.S. embassy officials expelled from Mozambique earlier this month after being accused of being CIA officers.

Massinga said his contacts included Louis Olivier, a second secretary at the embassy who was among those expelled.

The Mozambique press has recently referred to "an agent infiltrated into Frelimo many years ago" who had been pointing out likely Mozambique contacts in Maputo for the CIA.

Sir Murray to retire

HONG KONG, March 15 (AFP) — Hong Kong Governor Sir Murray Maclehoze will retire from his post when his term of office expires in April next year, he told a press conference Sunday.

Sir Murray, 63, was first appointed governor of the colony in November 1971 for six years. Thereafter his term was renewed three times annually and for two years on the last occasion.

An experienced administrator with a diplomatic background, Sir Murray has proved himself popular with not only the Hong Kong public but also the Peking authorities.

Student protest

1 dies in Indian police firing

NEW DELHI, March 15 (AP) — Riot police shot and killed a 20-year-old student demonstrator Saturday as rioting and arson erupted again in India's Gujarat state, racked by a six-week agitation against a reservation scheme for the lower castes, the United News of India (UNI) reported.

Police fired on a rampaging youth mob in Ahmedabad city after use of batons and teargas failed to scatter them, the agency said. Rioters attacked policemen with rocks and acid bulbs and set on fire shops, banks and billboards, the report said. Authorities reimposed a round-the-clock curfew in a riot-torn sector of Ahmedabad, UNI said. Two persons, including a woman, were wounded by police fire.

The killing increased the toll to 33 since Gujarat youths, led by medical students, began protesting against the reservation of seats in medical colleges for lower castes and tribal community members. Several people were reported hurt in Ahmedabad when police caned 500 demonstrators and fired over 100 teargas canisters. Scores were arrested on rioting charges, UNI reported.

In Surat, rock-throwing young men and women smashed windshields of city buses and windows of stores. Chanting slogans against the reservation quota system, the youths forced the closure of all schools, the report said. Police arrested two agitation

China asks school kids to love party

PEKING, March 15 (AP) — China's primary schools have been told to begin new courses to teach children to love the Communist Party, serve the people and live frugally, the official Xinhua news agency has reported. The instruction comes amid reports in the official press about some young people doubting the superiority of socialism and leadership by the Communist Party.

Xinhua said Saturday the ministry of education has instructed that all primary schools are to introduce ideological and moral teaching this fall. Moral teaching should be done in a lively way, through positive examples, to suit young children, the ministry's circular said.

It said primary schools should emphasize "the lofty ideals of communism and hard study to realize China's modernization," fondness of labor and fostering of diligence and honesty, discipline and respect for law and order, and pleasure in helping others. Ideological education already has been stepped up in high schools and colleges, the press reports.

Africans discuss Uganda

DAR ES SALAAM, March 15 (AFP) — A one-day meeting of six East and Central African leaders ended here with little emerging from their talks. A very brief statement said Saturday that the leaders from Tanzania, Uganda, Kenya, Rwanda, Burundi and Zaire Friday discussed "matters of mutual interest" and described the meeting as "extremely successful."

Observers believed the situation in Uganda was a major item on the agenda. The meeting, called by Tanzania's President Julius Nyerere, was billed as a "good neighborliness summit." It brought together, besides Nyerere, President Milton Obote (Uganda), Jean-Baptiste Bagaza (Burundi),

Juvenal Habyarimana (Rwanda), Kenyan Vice-President Mwai Kibaki and Zaire's Prime Minister Nguza Karl-I-Bond.

The six held a private two-hour meeting immediately the visitors arrived before later being joined by their aides. Nyerere has long been advocating unity and cooperation between African states. Tanzania also has maintained some 10,000 troops in Uganda since they helped overthrow Idi Amin in 1979.

A blow to Tanzania's aims was the collapse of the East African community in 1977 which linked it with Uganda and Kenya, and it is believed to have been leading moves to revive it with the inclusion of Burundi and Rwanda.

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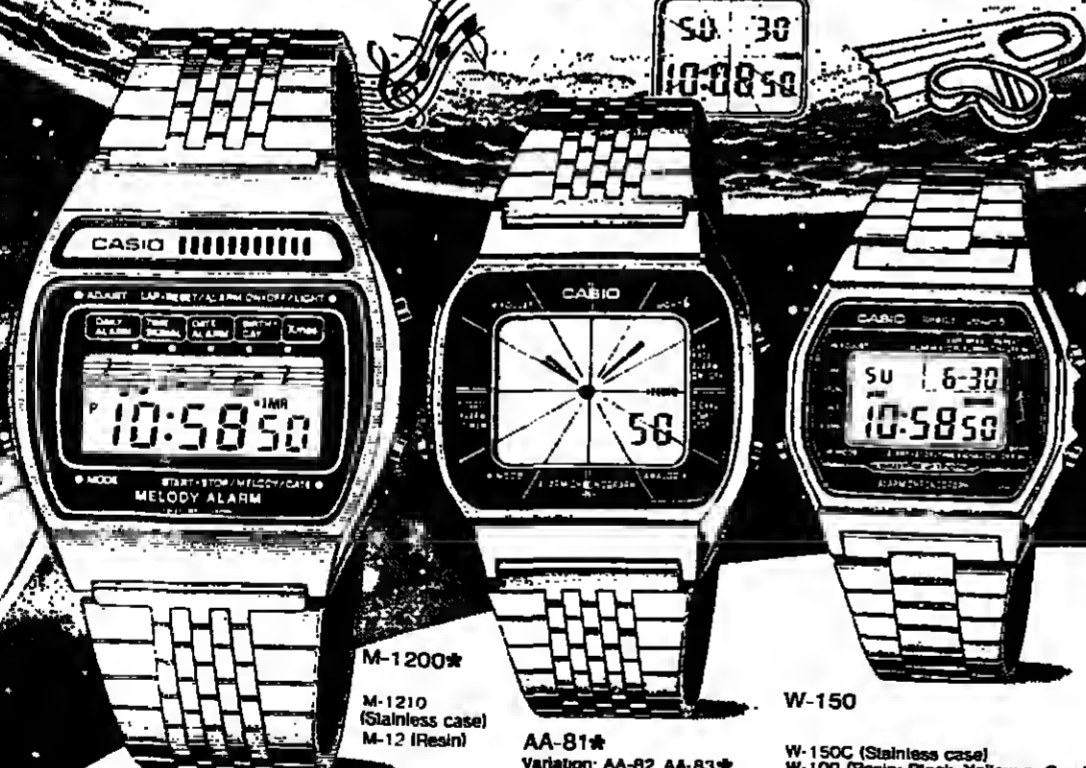
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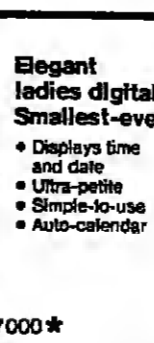
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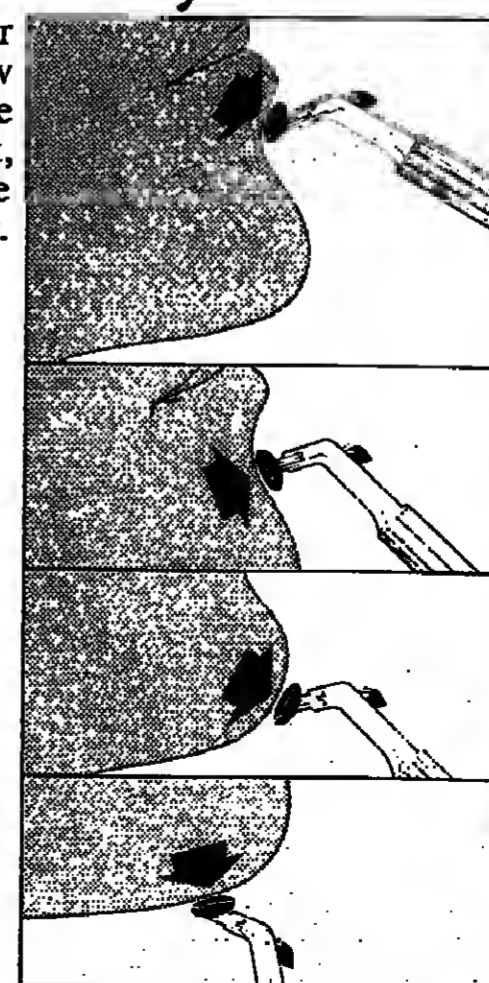
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Visited as officials

S. Africa army men told to leave U.S.

WASHINGTON, March 15 (R) — Five high-ranking South African military officers who came to Washington this week under visas identifying them only as government officials have been asked to leave the United States, the State Department has said.

A spokesman said Saturday it had been U.S. policy since 1962 not to allow senior South African military officials into the country and not to let U.S. military officers visit South Africa. He said the officers applied for visas at the U.S. Embassy in Pretoria as government officials for the stated purpose of consulting the South African Embassy in Washington. It was only after they reached Washington that the State Department discovered that they were military men.

After confirming this with the South African Embassy, the department requested that the officers leave the country and was told that they were doing so Saturday night, he said. The State Department did not identify the five officers, but other U.S. officials

named two of them as Brig. Gen. Van Der Westhuizen, identified as head of South African military intelligence and Adm. Du Plessis.

The officials did not identify the other three and could give no further details about the general or the admiral. The spokesman said the five did not meet anyone at the State Department but made courtesy calls at the super-secret Defense Intelligence Agency and at the White House National Security Council.

No immediate explanation was available on the purpose of the officers' undercover visit, which was apparently arranged by the American Security Council, a private conservative group. It came at a time when future policy toward South Africa is one of the most sensitive questions facing the Reagan administration. President Reagan himself has signaled a possible improvement in relations with South Africa which were strained under the former Carter administration.

N. Korea bid to develop ties with capitalist states

PEKING, March 15 (AFP) — North Korea, one of the world's most closed countries, is apparently making another attempt to develop its relations with capitalist nations. This emerges from statements by President Kim Il-Sung to Spanish journalists, reported recently from the capital Pyongyang by the New China News Agency (NCNA).

President Kim, in power since 1945, said North Korea — officially proclaimed a Communist "paradise" — would like to establish relations with capitalist countries showing a "friendly" attitude to it NCNA reported.

North Korea, which needs Western help for development, currently has diplomatic relations only with three Western nations, Sweden, Finland and Austria.

Observers noted that over the last few years, North Korea had made overtures, principally to Japan and the United States. Both responded identically saying they were willing to begin a normalization process provided China did the same toward South Korea.

After meeting President Kim Il-Sung last July, U.S. representative Stephen Solaz (Democrat, New York) reported that the president had rejected such a formula. Kim also reaffirmed to Solaz the traditional Pyongyang position that the armistice which ended the 1950-53 Korean war should be transformed into a peace treaty between North Korea and the United States, excluding South Korea on the grounds that it did not sign the armistice.

In the interview given last November but only reported by the North Korean Workers

(Communist) Party paper *Rodong Sinmun* earlier this month — President Kim spoke to journalists from the Spanish newspapers *Mundo Obrero* (Communist) and *El Pais*, NCNA said.

It was possible Pyongyang's aim in publishing the remarks was to breathe new life into the fragile dialogue which began with Solaz's visit, the first — although admittedly private — by an American political figure since the Korean war.

President Kim told the Spanish journalists that North Korea would be ready to have official relations with Spain "on the principle of complete equality."

He also stressed the North Korean proposal that reunification of the two Koreas should begin with the setting up of a "cofederated republic."

President Kim has rejected a recent invitation from South Korean President Chun Doo-Hwan to Seoul for reunification talks. North Korea has also strongly condemned President Chun's recent visit to Washington.

Though North Korea does not have relations with Japan, a number of Japanese businessmen and politicians regularly visit the country, constituting by far its biggest foreign community.

Japan is also the biggest supplier of credit to Pyongyang, whose relations with capitalist countries have been soured by its non-respect for financial agreements.

At the same time, North Korea tries to maintain a balance in its relations with China and the Soviet Union. For the last few years, however, it has tilted slightly to China as evidenced, observers said, by Pyongyang's position on Indochina.

At Oslo meeting

Socialists favor arms talks

OSLO, March 15 (AFP) — Leaders from Western Social Democratic parties, who met here for two days, have agreed on the need for negotiations aimed at reducing nuclear weapons in Europe. The closed-door meeting was attended by Social Democratic leaders from Belgium, Denmark, the Netherlands, Norway, Britain and West Germany.

Both former Dutch Prime Minister Joop den Uyl and West German Social Democratic Party Secretary-General Egon Bahr stressed that negotiations were urgent to prevent the deployment of the new missiles.

"Everybody welcomed the American willingness to start serious negotiations with the Soviet Union to stop the arms race and pre-

vent new weapons systems from being deployed," Reulf Steen, chairman of the Norwegian Labor Party, told journalists after the meeting, Saturday.

The meeting here, which followed a similar one in Amsterdam in January, was an informal gathering to exchange views. The next meeting will be held in Brussels in May.

Steen said it was important for smaller NATO countries to make their views known before the Ronald Reagan administration came up with a precise East-West policy.

"But our impression is that President Reagan is sincere in wanting negotiations immediately," Steen added.

BRIEFS

FRANKFURT, (AFP) — West Germany's top award for medical research, the Paul Ehrlich prize, Saturday went jointly to a Japanese and a U.S. microbiologist. American Stanley Falkow and Susumu Ohmura of Japan were jointly awarded 80,000 marks (about \$36,000) for their "battle against drug-resistant bacteria".

MITZ, Eastern France, (AFP) — Twelve people were under medical treatment near here Sunday after being in contact with a rabid horse. They included the animal's owner, all members of her family, two veterinary surgeons and a driver who transported the horse after it had apparently been bitten by a rabid fox.

DACCA, (AFP) — Three army officers and two civilians are being tried by a military court here on charges of spearheading an abortive coup in Bangladesh nine months ago, press reports said Sunday. Questions on the alleged coup had been raised in parliament last year by opposition members, but Prime Minister Shah Azizur Rahman dismissed it at the time as a minor incident.

PARIS, (AFP) — Several hundred people

demonstrated outside the Canadian and Norwegian embassies here Saturday to protest the killing of baby seals, sought for skins by the world fashion industry. Organized by the European committee for the protection of seals and other four animals, the protest was aimed at halting the annual seal hunt for both conservation purposes and to put an end to cruelty.

ROME, (AFP) — Italian police have arrested six more suspects in the March 16, 1978 kidnapping of Christian Democrat Party leader and former Premier Aldo Moro, who was later killed, sources close to the investigation said Sunday. Police have already said they believe about 50 people were apparently involved in the kidnapping. Fifteen people, two of them in absentia, were recently charged in the case.

NEW DELHI, (AFP) — Former British Prime Minister James Callaghan will visit India to attend the first meeting of the governing of the newly formed Rajaji International Institute of Public Affairs and Administration in New Delhi on March 25.



DOLPHINS' FRIEND: Japanese police escort handcuffed Patrick Wall, of Stephenville, Newfoundland, into Nunavut court Thursday where the Canadian conservationist was given a six-month suspended sentence for releasing dolphins from the captivity of Japanese fisherman who had planned to kill them. The release took place last December and Wall sought to use the issue to raise questions about slaughter of sea mammals.

New strategy

Belgrade allows dissent

BELGRADE, March 15 (AFP) — The successors of Josip Broz Tito have made up their minds to fight Yugoslav opposition movements ideologically rather than with repression and intend to give their critics a chance to speak out, political observers here said.

This new Yugoslav leadership strategy — a sharp change from the past, when even the term "opposition" was banned — is the result of a renewal of intellectual contestation which has grown up over the past few months.

Launching the trend were several petitions drawn up by groups of intellectuals which called for the release of political prisoners and for greater freedom of expression. But beyond these demands, the petitions targeted the Yugoslav self-government system itself.

The initial response of the authorities was the old reflex of accusing the petitioners of "collusion with the most reactionary circles abroad." But influential leader Alexander Grlickov, a member of the Communist League (party) Presidency, took the first step in a new direction in mid-February, recommending a "rational" settling of accounts with the opposition. Somewhat ambiguously, he called for a "dialogue aimed at the opponents of socialism."

Grlickov's message about the opposition was essentially that it is not enough to cry "thief" — the culprit must be identified. Without going so far as to strength out a hand to the regime's critics (a gesture which would

have lent them the status of political partners), he suggested that typical examples of opposition texts be reprinted by the official press.

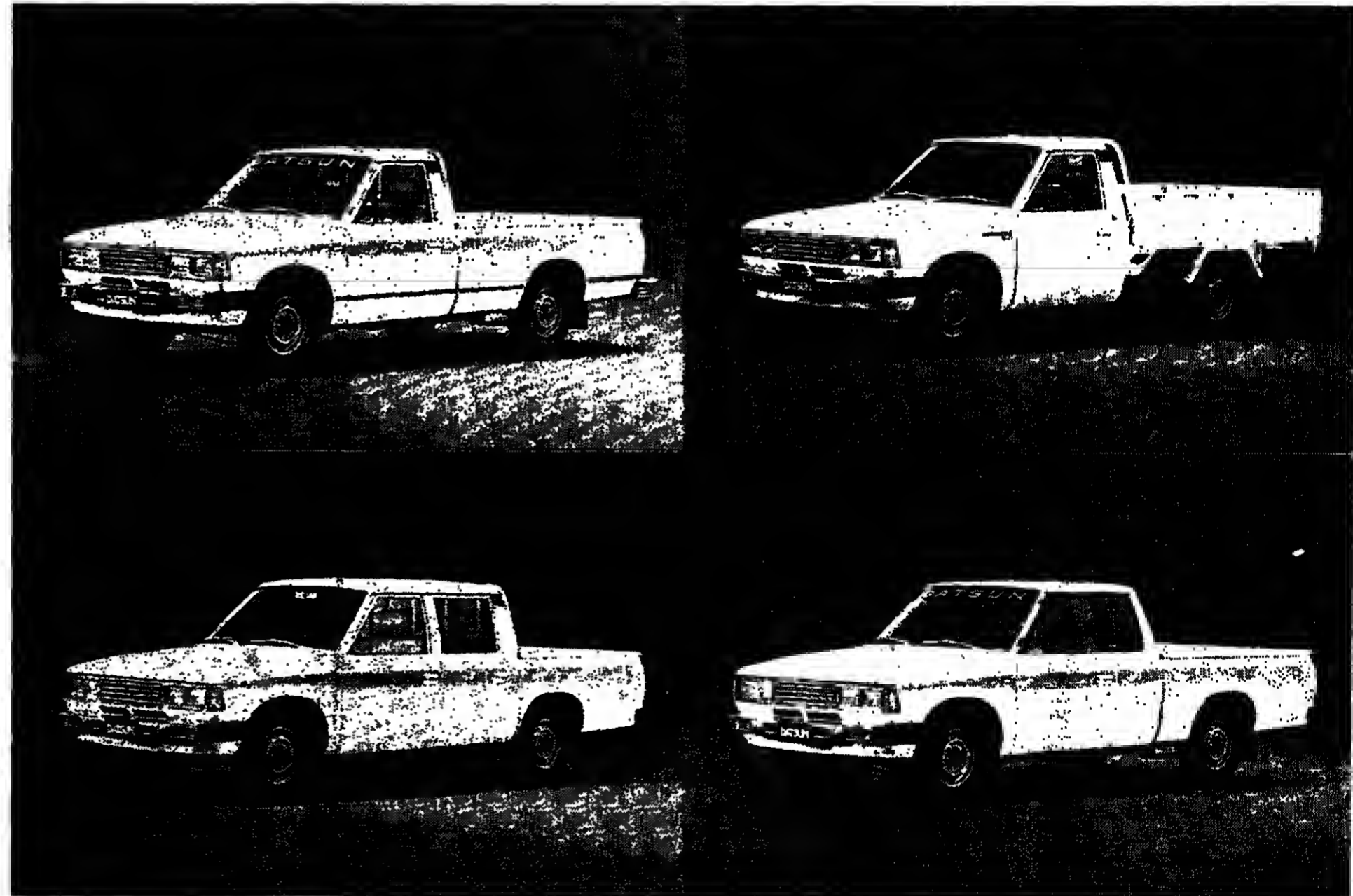
The government gave the green light, and the semi-official paper *Barba*, calling for "political wisdom," several days later criticized "the dogmatic, sectarian, even Stalinist thesis" according to which administrative or penal repression was an efficient means of stifling the opposition.

On the contrary, the paper said, repression should be used only as a last resort, "when the other means have been exhausted." Meanwhile Jovac Miric, a Communist Party leader from Zagreb, commented that "firing cannons at sparrows means missing one's target."

"Yugoslavia is not a sickly plant which could be endangered by the slightest wind from the opposition," he added. According to Miric, the petitions did not merit a reaction from "the summit" of the Yugoslav political hierarchy. He also deplored the fact that he had to read the foreign press to learn the content of the underground opposition texts.

Another official, Croatian Minister of Culture Stipe Suvar, indirectly criticized those favoring strong repression of opponents. Rather than making "heroes" out of bar-room dissidents charged with "verbal misdemeanors" by bringing them to trial, it might be preferable, he suggested, to simply make fun of them.

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North Yemen tackles host of problems

By Michael Adams

I've just returned from my first visit to the Yemen Arab Republic, and a fascinating experience it was in all sorts of ways.

To begin with, there was so much that was unfamiliar and different from anything that I had experienced elsewhere in the Arab world. Almost everything that met my eye was distinctive, from the extraordinary countryside of wild, high mountains and precipitous valleys to the architecture of the towns with their tall and elaborately decorated buildings of stone or mud brick, as well as the inhabitants of both, so colorful in their appearance and who seemed to have a sense of self-assurance based not on material wealth or political ambition, but on the consciousness of a proud past and a future worth striving for.

Nobody I met tried to disguise the fact that the country faces many problems: problems of underdevelopment, of lack of material resources, a shortage of skilled manpower, and illiteracy. But those of the country's leaders whom I had the opportunity to talk to did persuade me that these problems were being tackled with energy and imagination, and with some welcome assistance from the Yemen's more prosperous neighbors, and that a remarkable amount had been accomplished in the very short period since the country embarked on the present phase of its long history.

And that period, after all, only consists of about ten years, since the civil war which followed the revolution of 1962 ended in an agreement between the revolutionaries and their royalist opponents to cooperate within the political framework of the new Yemen Arab Republic. At its inception, the republic was desperately short of almost everything, and most of all of men with any political experience, partly because of the standstill imposed by the long civil war on any form of constructive activity and partly because the old Imam Ahmad, who ruled from the time of his father's assassination in 1948 to the eve of the revolution in 1962, was violently suspicious of every kind of social or constitutional progress.

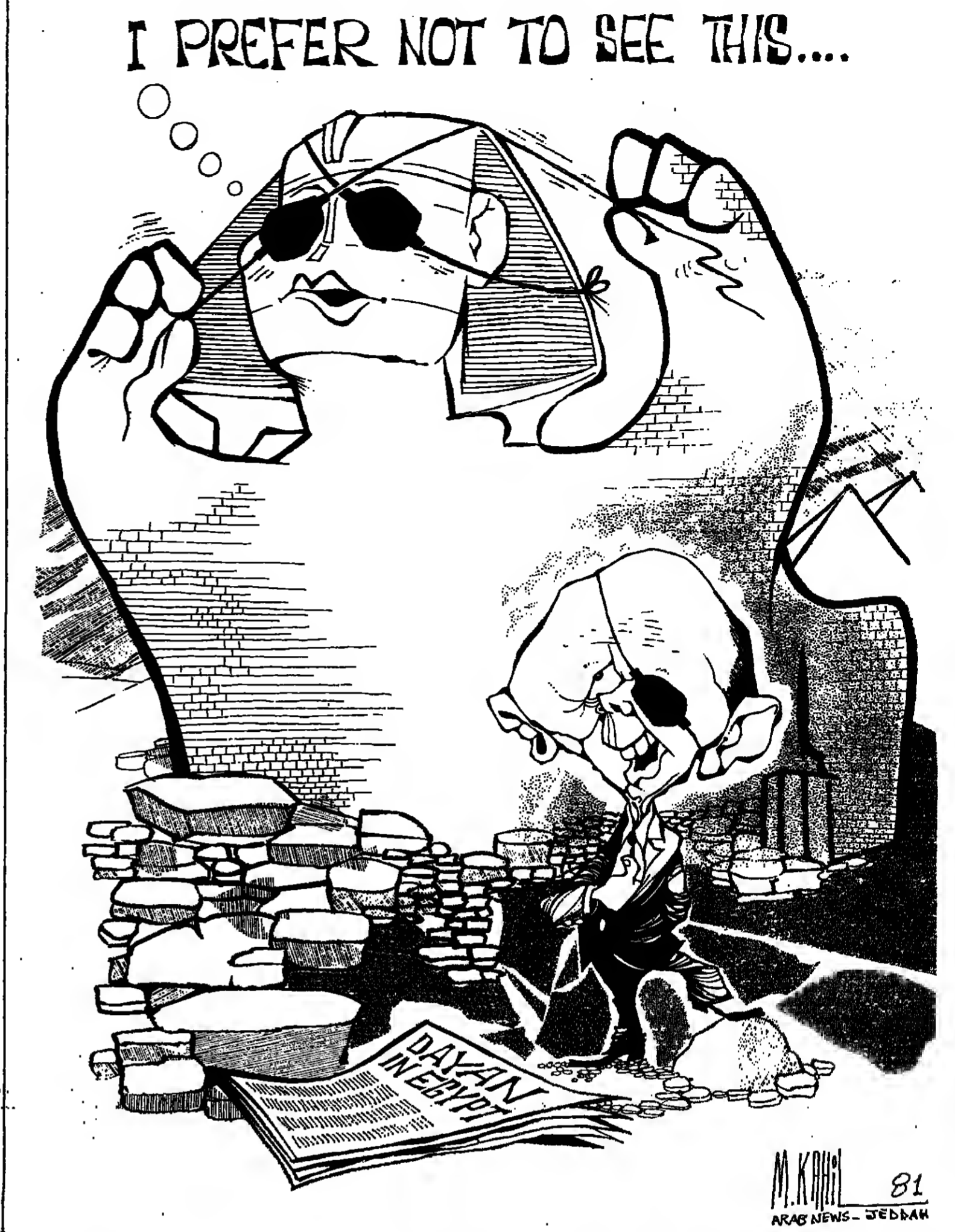
That is the main reason why almost all of those who now direct affairs in the Yemen are so strikingly youthful. The president, Ali Abdullah Saleh, who was an army officer before he assumed power in 1978 (a brave decision, considering that the two previous presidents had been assassinated within a year) is only 37. Abdul Aziz Abdul-Ghani, who was prime minister for five years before becoming a vice-president last year, is still only just over 40, while the present prime minister, Abdul-Karim Al-Iryani is in his middle 40s. Men like these, with most of their colleagues, constitute a whole new generation and have faced the awesome if exhilarating challenge of trying to create within a few years the framework of a modern state and superimpose it on the traditional and altogether different structure of tribal society in the Yemen.

It is a bold experiment and I don't think that even someone with much more knowledge of the country than I have could say with certainty whether it is going to succeed. But it is certainly invigorating to see the experiment in action and to note the progress that has already been made in modernizing the country's institutions and preparing the ground for a properly representative form of government. (A census is being held at this moment as the prelude to elections this summer.)

At the heart of it all there is necessarily a strong emphasis on education and you don't have to look far to see evidence of that, in the new schools that are being built in all the main towns and in the rapid expansion of the University of Sanaa, which started life 10 years ago with 70 students and now has 5,000. Of those 5,000, incidentally, 800 are young women — and that is a striking figure to have reached so quickly in as socially conservative an environment as that of the Yemen. Perhaps television has helped, for I was interested one evening in Taiz to see a young woman reading the news on television — and a couple of days later to find myself being interviewed by her in fluent English.

Education in a broader sense is obviously important too and I was glad to find in Taiz a team of British agricultural engineers helping in a joint Yemeni-British project to advise Yemeni farmers in techniques of mechanization, especially the use and maintenance of tractors and pumps — both vital to a country where there is plenty of good land but a shortage both of agricultural labor and of surface water. Just down the road from this project there was an industrial training center, with carpentry and metal workshops (with equipment which would be the envy of any similar center in Britain), and here the training staff were Chinese, working under a Yemeni director.

Assistance from the outside world for the Yemen's development plans is very varied and it seemed to illustrate a point which was emphasized to me more than once: that the Yemen is determined and genuinely nonaligned. With the spotlight today on the strategic importance of the whole area of the Horn of Africa, the Yemen with its



coastline near the southern outlet of the Red Sea has its attractions for superpowers competing with each other for base facilities. Both the United States and the Soviet Union have provided arms to the Yemen, but neither has obtained any marked advantage in return. And it was clearly not by accident that the government of the Yemen, in embarking after the revolution on an ambitious program of road building, invited the Americans to build the road from Sanaa to Taiz, the Russians to link Taiz with the Red Sea port of Hodeida, and the Chinese to complete the triangle by modernizing and surfacing the tremendous road that winds up from Hodeida through wild mountain country to a height of nearly 3,000 meters before reaching Sanaa.

But it is on its Arab neighbors that the Yemen principally depends to overcome the problems of poverty and underdevelopment. All the states of the Gulf have provided assistance with the Yemen's development plans and the aid is welcome.

Nobody likes to receive charity and it is not surprising that the Yemenis, an independent-minded people conscious of being heirs to the oldest cultural tradition in Arabia, should sometimes resent the geological accident that has turned them into poor relations. But the present government in Sanaa, with a characteristically level-headed approach, is insistent on maintaining good relations in particular with Saudi Arabia, where perhaps as many as a million Yemenis now constitute an army of migrant workers — and whose remittances to their families at home represent an important element in the Yemeni budget.

And this was perhaps the most refreshing aspect

of my visit. To find an Arab government facing problems at least as considerable as those of any other, a government which has inherited tensions which could easily set the Yemen at odds with one or other of its neighbors — but which seems determined to remain on friendly terms with them all,

even finding good word to say for the Egyptians, whose assistance to the republican side in the civil war is not forgotten and whose army of teachers makes a valued contribution to the Yemen's progress today. I found myself wishing that more of the Arab world could be like this.

Letter to the editor

Sir,

Through your esteemed newspaper I would like to mention the difficulties the public is facing in finding the convenience to the various places through the Saudi Arabian Public Transport Company (SAPTCO) and hope that the authorities concerned will take of it.

1. Usually after 10 p.m. there is no bus on the route to Kilo 5 and most people have to either rely upon the mini bus if available by chance or to pay higher charges for the taxis. Therefore, the time limit of the buses plying on this route may be extended for one hour at least from Bah Mecca to Kilo 5 King Abdul Aziz University.

2. There is no bus route available from Bah Mecca to Balad. From Bah Mecca, if anybody wants to go to Balad he has either to go on foot in either direction via the main bazaar up to Balad as there is no Taxi available even, as it is the one way. By bus one has only to avail of the opportunity of going up the round circle where the buses for Al-Roues, Bani Malik and on other routes are taking turn and

then go to Balad either on foot or has to change the bus, causing much inconvenience and waste of time. Therefore, a new bus route from Bah Mecca to Balad should be started for the convenience of the public.

I want to add a few lines here about the careless and reckless drivers who don't even observe the other rules of traffic. For instance, they don't open both doors at the time of entry and exit of the passengers or they open the front door only and passengers who want to enter and exit have to use the front door only which is against the rules and it is strictly prohibited. Also they don't stop at the proper stop even when the public is waiting for a considerable time for the bus to arrive, and they rush away without stopping and causing discomfort and waste of time to many standing by.

Yours faithfully,
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CONTINUING SCANDAL

The political life of Israel is one political scandal after another. The latest one has so many ramifications that one hardly knows where to begin.

The matter was, first, of Israel's secretary to the cabinet who, it came out, handed a secret document over to the West German newspaper, *Die Welt*, published by the Zionist sympathizer — and that puts it very muddy — Axel Springer.

The content of the leaked document takes the whole issue further: It concerns the claim that former President Jimmy Carter had asked Chancellor Helmut Schmidt of West Germany to try to persuade the Israelis toward a more amenable approach to the question of Palestinian autonomy.

That issue is then brought back to Germany once more, to point a finger at the chancellor and his alleged "pull" with the Israelis. Schmidt has been cultivating an appearance of friendliness with the Arabs, and one of coolness toward Israel. But it might be that appearances are misleading.

Finally, the wider implication of the affair is quite clear. The Camp David side, contrary to its repeated claims, possesses no real view of Palestinian autonomy. If it had, there would have been no need for the Americans to seek to soften the Israeli stand, and to do so, moreover, through third parties.

And if this was the case, then the whole of the "process", all those endless meetings and fallings-out and reconciliations, is nothing but sham, and that those who entered into it had no aim in view other than avoiding to deal with the real issue: which is that of the rights of the Palestinian people.

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Al Medina Sunday led with a statement by the Israeli deputy defense minister, who expressed his fears that the U.S. supply of AWACS aircraft to Saudi Arabia would be more dangerous for Israel than the sale of F-15 spare parts to the Kingdom. In a lead story, *Okaz* reported that basic changes would take place in the economic structure of the Kingdom. *Al Bilad* gave prominence to the Qatari information minister's reaffirmation that the Gulf Cooperation Council would lead integration in all fields. *Al Jazirah* and *Al Yam* led with the release of hostages and surrender of the hijackers of the Pakistani airliner to the Syrian authorities in Damascus.

The finale of the hijacking drama was covered as a front-page story in the Kingdom's newspapers. *Al Yam* gave page nine importance to a statement by U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig, in which he expressed confidence that the U.S.-Soviet summit dialogue would be held soon if the 85,000 Soviet soldiers withdraw from Afghanistan. Iran's reported readiness to welcome a non-aligned delegation to discuss the Iraq-Iran armed conflict was prominently covered on the front page of *Al Bilad* newspaper.

Newspapers also discussed the hectic misleading campaigns being launched against the Kingdom by the hostile forces. Others concerned themselves with the Gulf Cooperation Council and the onerous mission of the Islamic goodwill committee to find an equitable and acceptable solution in the crisis between Iraq and Iran. *Al Medina* said in an editorial that hostile campaigns against the Kingdom have raised the sentiments of Muslims everywhere. The paper

noted that the delivery of sophisticated weapons to the Kingdom would minimize the chances of Israel launching a sudden attack on the states neighboring occupied Palestine.

Discussing the creation of the Gulf Cooperation Council, *Al Bilad* noted that it would play its role in different fields with a spirit of unity and solidarity among the Islamic states. The reaction to the creation of this council has reaffirmed that it would achieve the desired objectives and aspirations of the Arab peoples of the Gulf region. The paper added that hostile campaigns against the Gulf states and their progress and development have further confirmed the intentions of the evil forces to impair the region's progress.

On the other hand, *Al Yam* discussed the efforts of the Islamic goodwill committee toward finding a solution to the Iraq-Iran war. The paper reiterated that the committee is the only source which can play an effective role, as it is represented by some heads of state who are doing their utmost to resolve the crisis. Despite the initial setback in its mission, the paper said the committee would be held back from carrying its obligation in the hope of realizing the hopes and aspirations of every Muslim in the world. It expressed the hope that the committee would bear all odds in its attempt to put an end to destruction and bloodshed between the two neighboring Islamic states.

Okaz devoted its editorial to commenting on the creation of a rapid deployment force in the region, saying that the states of the Gulf region would refuse to accept any alien presence, since they are capable of

protecting every inch of their soil from foreign ambitions. Whatever the justification, the states of the region would not allow others to interfere in their personal matters, it said. The paper urged the foreign powers to show cooperation and a complete understanding of the nature of problems besetting the region.

Discussing Israeli fears of a possible shift in the balance of power in the region, *Al Riyadh* observed that the U.S. is fully aware of the prevailing circumstances in the region and also of the benefit it would reap by breaking Israel's power in the region. The paper referred to the opening of a PLO office in Ireland and said it has given a warning to Israel that it is coming to the brink of its existence. Being conscious of the developments taking place at the international level, Israel is now set to blame Washington and hold it responsible for opening avenues for others to realize their objectives, said the paper. It added that, for this reason, Israel is now trying to play the last card of the Camp David talks, and reiterated that the Zionist enemy would not succeed in fresh attempts.

Al Nadwa discussed the general situation of the Arab nation and observed that the nation's steadfastness and perseverance would keep it safe from all conspiracies and provocations. The nation is quite capable of defending its faith and its age-old traditions and will continue to move on the path of progress and prosperity with patient but firm steps, the paper added.



To the Third World, grain or arms? Al-Medina

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THE SEALS: The seals which are found in abundance on the coast of Newfoundland, Canada, have become the prey of luxury-seekers. Nature has provided the seals with soft fur to protect them from the biting cold. But, men are not so kind-hearted. They go to the area, especially, in March when the seals give birth to offspring to club them to death for their fur.



FLOWING: The ship, Rainbow Warrior, plowing its way toward the coast of Newfoundland. The sailors aboard the ship will try to prevent the killings of the seals. In the past, the sailors' efforts did not bear fruit.

The craze for fur seals the fate of the seals

By Ragen Schmid
JEDDAH, — Through a stormy winter a, with temperatures around the freezing point, plows the ship, Rainbow Warrior, making its way toward the coast of Newfoundland, Canada. The sailors aboard the ship come from everywhere in the world and work only for small pocket money. They are members of the Greenpeace organization. Why do they accept all the inconvenience of life on a small cold ship, thrown around in high waves to visit the cold coast of Newfoundland?

It is March again, and the seals which live on this coast are giving birth to their offspring. In the first weeks of their life the seals have a beautiful white soft fur to protect them against the extreme cold. But what the nature did to protect them is causing the death of about 200,000 new-born seals every year in Canada. Some people believe that this nice soft fur will make them look so nice and beautiful, and the result is hundred of thousand of seals die a gruesome death every year to make a few people happy. Hunters do not shoot the seals so as not to

damage the fur. The bullet holes would make the fur worthless. So men go and club the new-borns to death. Even if the animals are still alive, men skin the poor creatures and let them die afterwards. This is done for a few dollars they get for the undamaged fur. The sailors are going to the same area to prevent the killing of the seals. In the past they went over the ice and sprayed the young seals with paint which made the fur useless for commercial use. But the Canadian government declared this as cruel to the animal

and prohibited the painting of the seals. Clubbing the seals to death is permitted, but painting them is cruel! In the previous years the sailors threw themselves over the young seals to protect them from the club-swinging killers. The Canadian police arrested the sailors, and the killing continued. How can anybody enjoy to wear a coat of baby seal fur when poor animals had to die in the first days of their lives to provide this fur? Is it necessary for men to destroy other creatures merely to satisfy his own arrogant desire for luxury?

Flint, an American auto city on the verge of collapse

By Joyce Egginton
LINT, Michigan (ONS) — On a cruel, grey morning, this Great Lakes city with America's highest unemployment rate is aptly named. The huge parking lot of the department of Social Services is crammed with elderly, rusting cars. Workless and desperate, their drivers have slithered over ice-cold highways to reach a cheerless building here they must wait hours to see a case officer. Flint, Michigan (pop. 160,000) is one of America's older industrial cities; among several in the north and mid-west which have easily been losing population to new technologies in the "sun-belt" states of Texas, Arizona, Florida and southern California. The emigrants are the fortunate ones; the ironically unemployed cannot afford to leave. Bad as the depression is in the automobile capital of Detroit, 70 miles to the south-east, it is even worse in Flint because every resident's livelihood is dependent, in one way or another, on a single employer: General Motors. And General Motors, the world's biggest car manufacturer, has just announced that 1980 was the worst financial year in its 64-year history, with a loss of \$763 million. (Ford has announced a \$684 million loss; Chrysler's is expected to be even bigger.)

The American motor industry has been in deep trouble for some time, having been slow to respond to the competition from small imported cars at a time when the price of petrol was climbing steadily. It also failed to see that American motorists could no longer be fobbed off with high prices and shoddy workmanship compared to what the Japanese were offering. The "Buy American" bumper stickers one sees around Flint are banners of a losing cause. A confidential market research report prepared last year for General Motors stated that "in not one instance do we achieve the levels of customer approval attained by our overseas competitors." General Motors' took even longer than its American rivals to understand that large limousines were becoming obsolete, and to begin the long and costly job of retooling to produce smaller models. When it did, GM's factories in Flint were among the last to be tackled. The company began to lay off workers towards the end of 1979 and continued throughout 1980. Officially, 16.4 per cent of Flint's work-force is idle, but this figure accounts only for those collecting unemployment benefit. It is an idiotic rule of federal and state bureaucracies that the longer a person is out of work the less he or she is considered to be unemployed. Federal and state benefits

expire between six and 12 months after a person becomes jobless, and never even begin for the thousands of school leavers who have no hope of entering the work-force. None of these is an unemployment statistic. Many of Flint's destitute unemployed have been applying to the Department of Social Services for welfare relief, and there they are incorporated into a different filing system — one which, in many ways reminiscent of Russia, belongs to another bureaucracy and is no longer related to unemployment. There is no way of arriving at an accurate figure for the jobless in Flint, but all informed estimates put it at about 30 per cent. Among blacks, who make up 28 per cent of Flint's population, it is believed to be as high as 50 per cent. Although no one has figure to prove it, it is the consensus of the town's social workers that these desperate conditions have produced a heavy increase in alcoholism, child and wife abuse, mugging and burglary. "I felt so hopeless when the unemployment payments ran out that I took to drinking," James Shariow, a young automobile welder admitted. "The children were hurt hard, but I didn't see it. I keep looking for work, but there was none. One day I applied for a job washing cars and there were 84 people ahead of me and we were all turned away. So I got to the point when, if a dollar or two came into the house, I would spend it on beer."

Frightened by the drinking, his wife Penny took the two children and left him. These three are now being supported by the Department of Social Services. Shariow lives alone, also on relief, struggling to stay sober. It is a marriage both he and his wife want to save, but the conditions are against it. The full impact of the crisis is just being felt by the city. Because of hard-won and generous con-



FEEDING PLACE: Ducks and swans crowd on a non-frozen spot of Lake Ploen, in Northern Germany, and they have a good time because many passers-by stop there to feed them, and if one is provided by nature with such a long neck as this white swan one can be lucky.

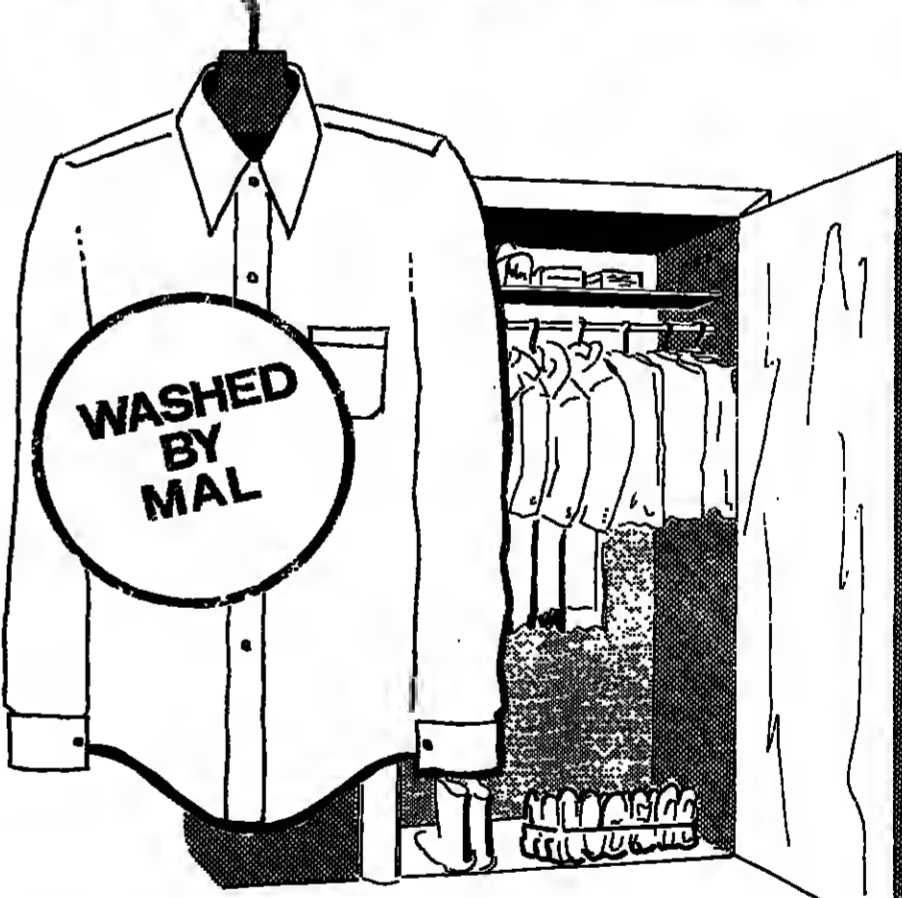
Wives: a major cause of bribery in Thailand

By Keyes Beech
BANGKOK, (LAT) — Status-conscious, luxury-loving wives of government officials are a major cause of corruption in Thailand, according to Suthae Arkasruerk, director of the Thai commission on counter-corruption. Such women, Suthae told an interviewer, nag their husbands for expensive dresses, jewels, new cars, grand houses and trips abroad until the harried spouse is forced to go on the take to make ends meet. "Not that that's any excuse," Suthae said sternly, adding that he knew of husbands who have gone to jail to satisfy their wives' expensive tastes. A senior government official with an impeccable reputation in a country notorious for its corruption, Suthae, 53, rides bus to work and lives in a modest rented house. After four years on the job, he is moving on to something else hectic. "It's like living in an oven with the heat turned up all the time," he said. A laconic man not widely known for his sense of humor, Suthae has a way of casually dropping bombshells in his wake to give the taxpayer something to think about. Probably one-third of Thailand's \$7 billion national budget, he said, goes to line the pockets of corrupt officials. Suthae admits that he can't prove this, but others on a position to know say he isn't from the mark. If the truth were known, he said glumly, probably 80 per cent of all government officials are guilty of cheating on their housing allowances. What's more, he said, things are getting worse. "There's corruption everywhere," he said, "from the street to the skyscraper." But Third World countries like Thailand have no monopoly on corruption, he said, adding, "I used to think that only Third World countries were corrupt, and then I found out differently." Corruption in local government in the United States costs an estimated \$3 billion annually, Suthae said, and he just happened

to have a U.S. department of justice study on his desk to prove his point. During his four years in what he calls the "hot seat," Suthae and his staff of 200 have handled 15,000 corruption cases, but only 386 offenders have gone to jail. Asked about this anomaly, he said carefully that the counter-corruption commission does not have authority to prosecute. "We can only investigate and make recommendations," he said. "The arrest and everything else is up to the authorities involved." Even if a bureaucrat is caught red-handed, there is nothing to prevent him from making a deal with his boss in return for a share of the loot. That is often what happens. The real crooks, Suthae said, "are the rich and well-educated. In most cases they never get caught because they are clever enough to cover their tracks." The curious thing, he added, is that these people don't really need the money. "But the more they have, the more they want," he said. "It's a kind of psychological sickness." As an experiment, Suthae said, the commission once tested the honesty of highway policemen. "We spent several thousand baht (20 baht equal \$1) on that before we gave it up," he said dryly. Corruption, Thai-style, is much more subtle than in the United States. For example, a government official will almost never ask openly for a bribe. What he does is delay action on a petitioner's request. The man who wants action gets the idea pretty fast. Despite the cultural differences, the sources of big-time corruption are familiar enough. Kickbacks on highway construction or other government building projects are common. Corrupt bureaucrats look the other way on illegal logging, which is one reason why Thailand's teak forests are being denuded. The same goes for illegal mining. "Corruption is everywhere," Suthae said with a sigh, "which is one reason why Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos now have communist governments."

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Upsets mark NCCA basketball

NEW YORK, March 15 (AP) — Last year, UCLA shocked top-ranked Depaul in the second round of the U.S. National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Basketball tournament. This time, both the Bruins and Blue Demons were eliminated in the early going.

And joining them on the sidelines were No. 2 Oregon State and defending champion Louisville as upsets became the norm Saturday.

Depaul, again ranked No. 1, was surprised by St. Joseph's of Pennsylvania, 49-48 in the Midwest regional at Dayton, Ohio, while 10th-ranked UCLA, a loser in the 1980 finals to Louisville, was blasted by Brigham Young 78-55 in the second round of the East sector at Providence, Rhode Island.

And, in a pair of thrillers that went down to the last seconds — and ended within seconds of each other — Kansas State nipped Oregon

State 50-48 on Rolando Blackman's jumper with two seconds to play in the West regional at Los Angeles and Arkansas knocked out Louisville 74-73.

Depaul's Skip Dillard missed the front end of a one-and-one free throw opportunity with 12 seconds remaining and the Demons on top by one. St. Joseph's grabbed the rebound and quickly moved the ball upcourt. Suddenly, Lonnie McFarlan found himself open in the corner and with the ball.

"He was wide open for the shot and I was just getting into position to get the rebound," said Hawks forward John Smith.

McFarlan saw Smith all alone underneath and fed him for the layup that ended Depaul's season at 27-2. St. Joseph's 24-7, moves on to the regionals at Bloomington, Indiana.

Indiana, 22-9, which will host the Midwest regional, topped Maryland 99-64 as Ray Tolbert scored 26 points and Landon Turner

added 20.

At Providence, another all-American was having an entirely different kind of afternoon. BYU guard Danny Ainge hit for 37 points to lead the 16th-rated Cougars into the East regional at Atlanta. BYU spurted for 15 points that carried from late in the first half into the second half to up its record to 24-6. UCLA closed out at 20-6.

BYU plays Notre Dame, which beat James Madison 54-45. The Irish, 23-5, got 21 points from Tracy Jackson.

The Oregon State Beavers, who were unbeaten until losing to Arizona State in the season's finale, led K-State by 11 with just under 14 minutes to play. Then the Wildcats took control.

OSU center Steve Johnson, who led the Beavers with 16 points, fouled out with 3:23 left. Ted Nealy's two free throws made it 48-48.

Oregon State, 26-2, then ran the clock down until freshman Charlie Sitton was fouled with 2:03 to go. Sitton missed the first end of a one-and-one and Kansas State rebounded and deliberately set up Blackman's last shot.

Blackman enabled the Wildcats of the Big Eight Conference to take their only lead with his game-winning shot. The triumph boosted Kansas State, 23-8, into the Western regional semifinals at Salt Lake City, against the winner of Saturday's Wyoming-Illinois game.

At Austin, Texas, Reed's 48-foot shot from beyond the midcourt line put Arkansas, 24-7, into the regional finals in New Orleans next week against No. 4-ranked Louisiana State, which slaughtered Lamar 100-78.

Louisville's Derek Smith connected on an 8-foot follow shot with five seconds to play to give the Cardinals a one-point lead. Then, Reed, who finished with 19 points, was hounded by two Louisville players as he neared midcourt. In desperation, he launched his prayer shot, which whizzed through the basket.

The Razorbacks were led by sophomore guard Darrell Walker with 23 points. No. 12 Louisville, 21-9, saw a 15-game winning streak end.

LSU, 29-3, got a career-high 31 points from Durand Macklin — he also collected 16 rebounds — and 26 from Howard Carter.

In games Sunday afternoon, the East Regional continues at Charlotte, North Carolina, with Villanova, 20-21, playing No. 5 Virginia, 25-3, and Virginia Commonwealth, 23-10, vs. No. 15 Tennessee, 20-7, the Midwest has Alabama Birmingham, 22-7, against No. 8 Kentucky, 22-5, and Boston College, 22-6, against No. 11 Wake Forest, 22-6.

In the Midwest, No. 13 Iowa, 21-6, plays Wichita State, 24-6, on the Shocker's court, and Kansas, 23-7, plays No. 6 North Carolina, 25-7, and Northeastern, 24-5, plays No. 14 Utah, 24-4, at El Paso, Texas.

Miler Nyambui excels

DETROIT, March 15 (AP) — Tanzanian Suleiman Nyambui won the mile for the third consecutive year and became the greatest individual winner in the 17-year history of the U.S. National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Indoor Track and Field Championships, while leading Texas-El Paso to the team title Saturday.

The Miners, capturing the team championship for the second straight year and the sixth time in eight seasons, amassed a record tying 76 points in the two-day, 18-event extravaganza at Joe Louis arena. Texas-El Paso also scored 76 points last year.

The graceful, smooth-gliding Nyambui, a 27-year-old junior from Tanzania, won the mile in 4:01.85 seconds, about one and a quarter hours after he had been thwarted in an attempt to capture the two mile for the third year in a row, finishing second to Brigham Young's Doug Parilla in a stirring duel.

Going into this year's meet, Nyambui had been led for record four victories with former Kansas distance star Jim Ryan, winner of the mile from 1967-69 and the two mile in 1968.

Now, Nyambui, the 1980 Olympic silver medalist in the 5,000 meters and the indoor record holder at the distance, has won five NCAA indoor titles and he has one year of eligibility remaining. He also has won three NCAA outdoor championships, the 10,000 in 1979 and the 5,000 and 10,000 in 1980.

While Nyambui was making history, so was

sophomore Carl Lewis of the University of Houston. The versatile Lewis, a 19-year-old, added the 60-yard dash title to the long jump crown he had won Friday night, making him the first athlete in NCAA indoor history to win a track event and field event.

The last athlete to take the sprint and the long jump in a NCAA meet was the legendary Jesse Owens, in the 1936 outdoor championships.

In the 60, the fast stepping Lewis rallied in the closing strides to edge Mel Latany of Georgia in 6.16 seconds.

While Lewis was Houston's only point scorer in the meet, heavily-favored Texas-El Paso rolled up 44 points on the final day to surpass opening day leader Southern Methodist University.

Togni extended

RIYADH, March 15: A. Togni was stretched by Shams in the third round of the Lufthansa and Bvlgari sponsored Tennis tournament at the Riyadh Intercontinental Hotel Saturday.

Togni won the first set at 6-4, but conceded the next in an identical score. He however, did well to clinch the decider at 7-6.

Other results: McGinnis beat W. Rogers 6-3, 6-0; R. Cowgill beat N. Hamadah 6-0, 6-2; M. Mabrouk beat N. Trautmann 6-0, 6-0; C. Assad beat J. Aboukhatir 6-2, 6-1; D. Skipper beat W. Faulkner 6-3, 3-6, 6-0; C. Albert beat J. Hogh 6-4, 6-0.



CAUGHT: Dave Pethers moving forward to receive the ball during last Friday's rugby match, watched closely by Mortimer-Griffiths and Lyons

Jeddah routs Eagles

JEDDAH, March 15 — The Al Khobar Eagles returned Friday feeling more like sparrows after suffering a 54-6 thrashing at the hands of Jeddah R.F.C., who will not doubt be crowing at their sixth successive win this season.

While the spectators basked in the now familiar carnival atmosphere, Jeddah overwhelmed the Eagles with a second-half display of passing rugby which left the opposition gasping under the morning heat. "Come on lads, it'll soon be over," cried one Eagle player with only ten minutes to go and the score at 44-6. Not soon enough, though, as Owen McLaughlin and Dave Pethers crashed over for late tries to take Jeddah to their highest ever score.

Man of the match Pethers crowned a remarkable return to rugby by scoring 24 of Jeddah's points with four tries and four conversions. "I don't know what to say!" gasped his astounded flatmate, who confirmed the veteran Pethers was out of rugby for eight years before his amazing comeback this season. Mark Rodgers and Mike Lyons scored two tries a piece and Rodgers converted three tries to bring his match tally to 14 points. Keith Bollinger also touched down to complete the rout.

Jeddah looked ragged during the first quarter as the makeshift team composed itself. Rodgers played at scrum half in place of Bernie Bloomfield, substituting at hooker the absent for Ian Thomas. New comer Hewitt Griffiths had a good debut in the center and his power would have served Jeddah well in the second half against the weakening Eagles, but he was taken-off at half time.

The initial scrappy play by Jeddah allowed Al Khobar to hold their own until midway through the first half, Jeddah conceding a 15th minute penalty try when full-back Boh Phillips brought down John Grooby after he had kicked ahead with only Phillips to beat. The conversion took the Eagles to 6-6 (Rodgers had opened the score for Jeddah after ten minutes) but this was their only real scoring chance in the whole match. As the Jeddah scrum began working together the backs moved the ball from side to side, and Al Khobar found themselves out-run and badly prepared to combat the fast-moving Jeddah team.

Jeddah's second try gave the Eagles warning of the onslaught to come. Lyons fielded a long kick inside his 22-meter line and drove forward past two oncoming Eagle players. The ball was moved across the field and back to Rodgers who dummed two players, took a return pass then fed Pethers who touched down under the posts. "We were tremendous!" said captain Bloomfield.

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Gottfried, Connors make final

BRUSSELS, Belgium, March 15 (AP) — Americans Brian Gottfried and Jimmy Connors won their semifinal matches in the Belgium International Indoor Tennis Championships Saturday.

Gottfried beat West German Rolf Gehring 6-2, 6-4 and Connors defeated countryman Sandy Mayer 6-2, 6-2.

Mayer started well against Connors, scoring a love game on his service, but he lost ground thereafter. Connors won his own service, broke Mayer in the third and fifth games and sailed to an easy victory in the first set.

Connors started well in the second set, taking a fast 4-1 lead. A double-fault by Mayer in the fifth game finally boosted Connors to the victory. The match lasted slightly more than an hour.

Gehring could not repeat his feat of Thursday, when he eliminated Bjorn Borg of Sweden, the world's top-ranked player. He started well, however, taking Gottfried's service and leading 2-0. But he collapsed, losing the next six games in a row to lose the first set.

The German played better in the second set. The score was tied 3-3, but a double-fault by Gehring in the seventh game was costly and Gottfried served out the match.

Meanwhile, unheralded Jeff Borowiak overcame the blistering serve of No. 6 Bud Walton in a 7-6, 6-3 victory Saturday to move into the final round of the \$75,000 Robinson's Tennis Open.

Mel Purcell polished off No. 4 Tom Gullickson 6-4, 7-6 earlier Saturday to claim the other championship berth.

Walts jumped to an early 4-1 lead on the strength of his solid first service and Borowiak settled down and fought back with accurate service returns.

The tenor of the match turned sharply as Borowiak broke Walts' serve in the seventh game and won the tiebreaker 7-3. Walts never recovered.

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Navratilova rallies

DALLAS, Texas, March 15 (AP) — Top seed Martina Navratilova rallied from 2-5 down in the final set to beat Virginia Ruessci, 6-0 4-6, 7-5 Saturday night in the semifinals of the Avon Championships of Dallas Women's Professional Tennis Tournament.

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Stewart nets last-minute penalty

West Ham holds Liverpool

LONDON, March 15 (R) — A last-minute penalty by Ray Stewart earned West Ham a 1-1 extra-time draw against Liverpool in the English League Soccer Cup final Saturday.

It was a dramatic finish to a game which had failed to live up to expectations and only flared to life in the last five minutes of extra-time.

Having outplayed their Second Division opponents for much of the 90 minutes of regulation time, Liverpool looked to have secured the trophy when full-back Alan Kennedy finally broke the deadlock with a thunderous right-footer in the 116th minute.

But just four minutes later midfielder Terry McDermott needlessly handled in the area and Stewart, who had been cautioned following Liverpool's goal, stepped forward to take the spot kick.

With the 100,000 Wembley crowd hushed in a mixture of hope and trepidation, the young Scot remained the calmest person in the stadium to crash the last kick of the game past England international goalkeeper Ray Clemence.

Liverpool must feel slightly aggrieved that

they will have to replay at Villa Park, Birmingham, on April 1.

Only the thickness of a coat of white paint on the West Ham woodwork deprived Liverpool substitute Jimmy Case of a glorious goal in the seventh minute of extra-time. Alan Kennedy surged forward and beat two West Ham defenders before releasing the ball to case 20 meters out.

Case, who had replaced 33-year-old Irish international Steve Heighway in the 64th minute, unleashed a blistering shot past goalkeeper Phil Parkes but the ball cannoned off the crossbar and sailed harmlessly over.

Earlier, Liverpool had been denied the lead by the linesman's flag and a flash of inspiration from Parkes. In the 11th minute Ray Kennedy knocked a short free-kick to Sammy Lee who took shot through a rather ramshackle defensive wall into the net via the post.

But defender Colin Irwin had meandered offside and the linesman's flag doused Liverpool's premature celebrations.

Just nine minutes later it was Parkes' turn to deny Liverpool. A McDermott cross found Kenny Dalglish unmarked three meters out

and their Scottish international glanced a cute header towards the corner of the net.

But Parkes, who had been moving to the right hand post to cover McDermott's cross, propelled himself in the opposite direction to turn the ball away.

In the second half, the realisation that they could not win while pinned in their own half finally filtered through to West Ham. In the 62nd minute international midfielder Trevor Brooking carved the Liverpool defence open with a precise pass to Paul Goddard.

But with only Clemence to beat, Goddard, for whom West Ham paid £800,000 (\$1.84 million) for his scoring talents, casually hoisted the ball high over the bar.

Clemence survived another narrow escape in the 77th minute when West Ham's veteran captain Billy Bonds shaved the post with a bullet header.

After the match referee Clive Thomas booked West Ham manager John Lyall and will report him to the football association. "Nobody in this country or anywhere in the world calls me a cheat," Thomas said, "He did and I have booked him and he will be reported to the football association."

Ipswich routs Tottenham to stay on top

LONDON, March 15 (R) — Ipswich Town's all-conquering form showed no sign of flagging as they overran Tottenham 3-0 Saturday and stayed top of the English Soccer League.

The win averaged one of only two League defeats Ipswich have suffered this season and took their tally of goals to 102 in 50 matches in all competitions. Scottish international John Wark, who netted a 45th-minute penalty, has scored 31 of these goals, a remarkable record for a midfielder player.

Aston Villa are the only side still in touch with Ipswich although they dropped a home point to Manchester United Saturday after leading 2-0. The match ended 3-3 giving Villa 49 points from 33 games compared with Ipswich's 50 from 32.

European champions Nottingham Forest moved up into third place after beating Brighton 4-1 but they are eight points adrift of Villa.

Eric Gates scored Ipswich's 100th goal of the season when after eight minutes he looped a shot over Tottenham goalkeeper Barry Daines as he came off his line. Wark's penalty on the stroke of halftime ended the prospect of a Tottenham revival and Alan Brazil's goal after 67 minutes gave Ipswich the comprehensive win their attacking football deserved.

In addition to the League title, Ipswich are well in the hunt for the European Football Union Cup and the English Football Association Cup, an unprecedented treble.

Peter Witte, Aston Villa's center-forward, put his side two up with goals in the 15th and 28th minutes. But his Manchester United counterpart, Scotland's Joe Jordan, responded with goals of his own after 46 and 66 minutes and although Gary Shaw regained the lead for Villa in the 68th minute, Sammy McIlroy clinched United's 17th League draw of the season with a penalty two minutes from time.

United's three goals ended a lean spell in which they scored only twice in eight games.

Nottingham Forest found themselves a goal down after 21 minutes against Brighton. But it was only a temporary lapse as John Robertson, Wallace, Gary Mills and Kenny Burns swept them to a decisive victory which put them in front of West Bromwich and Liverpool in the league table.

West Bromwich lost 2-1 at Manchester City, who continue to thrive under John Bond's management, while Liverpool were in a 1-1 draw against West Ham in the League Cup final.

Southampton moved up on to Liverpool's shoulder with a 2-1 win at Stoke, both their coming from Kevin Keegan. Keegan's first was a magnificent volley from the edge of the penalty area.

Crystal Palace, Norwich and Leicester slipped deeper into trouble at the foot of the First Division. Palace, without a hope of survival, went down 1-0 at home to Sunderland, Norwich were buried 3-0 at Wolverhampton and Leicester were yet another side to be punished for taking an early lead losing 4-1 at Coventry.



NO WRESTLING THIS: Liverpool's Steve Heighway trips over sprawled Frank Lampard of West Ham while on the right the same striker (No. 9) tries to beat West Ham's Billy Bonds to the ball in the English League Cup final Saturday.

League standings table with columns for Division One and Division Two, listing teams and their respective statistics.

Soccer Results table listing various football matches and their outcomes.

Wright slams century

AUCKLAND, March 15 (AFP) — A splendidly dedicated 110 by New Zealand opener John Wright paved the way for New Zealand to gain a good first innings lead of 119 with two wickets still standing — 357 for eight in their first innings in reply to India's 238 — at the close of play on the third day of the third Test match at Eden Park Sunday.

England shot out cheaply

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados, March 15 (R) — England's cricketers encountered the full fury of the West Indies' fast bowling hurricane Saturday and were ruthlessly dismissed for a meagre first innings total of 122.

After the not insignificant feat of restricting the powerful West Indies batsmen to a first innings total of 265, England were given a harsh reminder that the pace quartet of Michael Holding, Andy Roberts, Colin Croft and Joel Garner is a mighty force indeed.

The England innings which began midway through the morning session consisted mainly of a procession of badly beaten batsmen plodding back to the pavilion, a parade interrupted only by three brief stoppages.

Two were for rain and one for smoke drifting across the field and they amounted to 63 minutes.

The only bright spots for England were the end of the West Indies first innings for just 27 more runs in the morning, and Graham Dilley's retirement of Gordon Greenidge without scoring at the start of the home side's second innings.

Coetzee outpoints George Chaplin

HONOLULU, March 15 (AFP) — South African heavyweight Gerry Coetzee outpointed black American George Chaplin over ten rounds here Saturday. The 25-year-old South African, ranked number six in the world by the World Boxing Association (WBA), dominated the fight from the first bell. He won eight of the ten rounds outright.

Coetzee, who has twice failed in world title bouts being beaten by both John Tate and Mike Weaver, said after his victory that he hoped Weaver would give him another title chance so that he could make it "third time lucky."

Coetzee has now won 24 bouts, against two defeats. It was Chaplin's third defeat against 15 wins and three draws.

Prakash enters final

COPENHAGEN, March 15 (AP) — Two Indonesian world champions bowed out in the semifinals of the Danish Open Badminton Championships Saturday as India's Prakash Padukone overwhelmed Rudy Hartono in the men's and Denmark's Lene Køppen made unexpectedly short work of Wirharjo Verawaty in the ladies' singles.

Hartono, 32, set out as a whirlwind to take the first set 15-5, but the 25-year-old Indian, who will defend his all-England title later this month, got a firmer grip on his game in the second to move ahead 8-4. Although Hartono rallied to even the score at 8-8 he could not keep pace with Padukone who won the second 15-9.

Padukone led 5-0 before Hartono chalked up his first point, and the Indian dominated his opponent completely, kept him under constant pressure with a variation of smashes and smart drops before winning at 15-6.



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With Bani-Sadr

Rafsanjani accepts TV debate offer

TEHRAN, March 15 (R) — The speaker of Iran's Majlis (parliament) has accepted a challenge to a television debate on recent factional violence issued earlier by President Abolhasan Bani-Sadr. The speaker, Hojatoleslam Hashemi Rafsanjani, was the first of the three highest-ranking officials in the country whom the president's office said he wanted to debate face-to-face.

The two others, Prime Minister Mubammad Ali Rajai and Ayatollah Muhammad Beheshti, head of the supreme court, have not yet responded. All three have been among the severest critics of the president in recent weeks and have seized on violent incidents at Tehran University March 5 as the focus for their attacks.

Rafsanjani made it evident that he did not intend to tone down his criticisms before the debate. "Our enemies have grouped together and now regrettably bide under the protection of the president. But their plots were

exposed in the incident at the university," he told an audience Saturday in the town of Borujerd.

At least 45 persons were injured in scuffles during a speech by Bani-Sadr.

The statement from the president's office Saturday said state television had invited him to debate the issue, but he replied that "the president believes his attendance and the attempt to find the root of this affair would be practical only if done in a face-to-face debate with the participation of the highest-ranking officials in the country."

The president's offer sidestepped the television service's suggestion that he should meet members of revolutionary organizations whom he accused of provoking the fighting at the rally. After police made arrests there, Bani-Sadr held up identity cards he said showed the troublemakers were members of pro-government organizations closely linked with the dominant Islamic Republican Party (IRP).

Attack on Soviet embassy Armenians claim responsibility

TEHRAN, March 15 (R) — A clandestine Armenian guerrilla group hitherto unknown in Iran said Sunday Armenian militants were responsible for a gun battle in central Tehran last Thursday in which two policemen were killed.

A caller claiming to speak for the Armenian Secret Liberation Army telephoned Reuter to say the three gunmen involved in the shooting outside the Soviet embassy were "Armenian militants... carrying out a mission

for the freedom of the heroic people of Armenia."

The caller denied there had been any intention of attacking the Soviet embassy. He refused to specify the gunmen's mission, describing it only as "a revolutionary objective." The Armenians were fighting "the injustice done to them for many years by U.S. imperialism and Turkey," he said. Turkey's embassy is less than 200 meters from the Soviet embassy.



Hojatoleslam Hashemi Rafsanjani

OAU chiefs sees Ogaden peace

MOGADISHU, March 15 (Agencies) — President Siaka Stevens of Sierra Leone, current head of the Organization of African Unity, has said he has hopes of a settlement of the Somali-Ethiopian conflict over the Ogaden. "I have every hope that the situation can be solved. Once you locate where the important differences lie, I think they can be resolved," Stevens told an impromptu news conference Saturday.

Territorial claims over the Ogaden desert region led in 1977 to the outbreak of fighting between Ethiopia and Somalia in the Horn of Africa. Thousands of refugees fled the fighting and are living in camps in Somalia.

Stevens, who is on a 10-country tour of Africa, planned to visit the camps at Jajalaki, about 100 kms from Mogadishu, to see conditions there. He arrived in Mogadishu from Djibouti and was due to Tanzania Sunday evening. He was met at the airport by Somali President Siad Barre and they were to have talks during his two-day visit here.

Earlier this week, the OAU chief had met Ethiopian leader Mengistu Haile Mariam.

Gulf states to discuss military strategy

KUWAIT, March 15 (AFP) — Six Gulf nation defense ministers will meet shortly to discuss military cooperation, the newspaper *Al Rai Al Aam* said Sunday quoting well-informed sources in Riyadh. The officials — from Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Oman, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates — will also study the possibility of manufacturing arms jointly.

The six Gulf states decided at a Riyadh meeting Feb. 4 to create a council for cooperation, it was recalled.

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Morocco's warning

Mauritanian bases help Polisario fighters

RABAT, March 15 (R) — Morocco cannot allow Mauritanian territory to be used as a base for attacks against Morocco, foreign minister Muhammad Boucetta said. The minister said in a statement Saturday that the Moroccan authorities had information indicating that there was "movement or even installation" of fighters of the Algerian-backed Polisario front from Algeria to Mauritania.

The Polisario has been fighting Morocco for the independence of the former Spanish Sahara for over five years. Boucetta said Morocco was thus "drawing the attention of the Mauritanian leaders to the gravity of the situation that could be created if aggressions are launched against Morocco from Mauritanian territory."

"We have never thought of interfering or intervening in any way in Mauritanian inter-

nal affairs. But we cannot accept that the territory of a neighboring, friendly country... be used as a base for launching attacks against us," he said.

The organ of Boucetta's party warned last week that military reprisals could be taken against Mauritania if it allowed the Polisario to use its territory.

Meanwhile, a Netherlands parliamentary delegation arrived Saturday in El-Aaiun, in the part of the Western Sahara administered by Morocco, the Moroccan News Agency MAP reported. The delegation conferred with the town governor, members of the provincial assembly and Moroccan parliament, and political party representatives.

Delegation leader Hendrik Waltmans said they were visiting the area to obtain information about the conflict over the Western Sahara.

Tunisia to try 40 'troublemakers'

TUNIS, March 15 (AFP) — Some 40 "troublemakers" have been charged and will be tried before courts in Tunisia following demonstrations and unrest in schools in the capital and some other towns in recent weeks, the authorities announced here. The students were accused of "demonstrating on the public highway, and stone-throwing causing bodily harm and damage to public buildings and private property," an official communique said Saturday.

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It also announced the arrest of four pupils who "planned and carried out the burning of the teachers' room and the office of the supervisor-general" of a school in Tunis, and of two "non-pupil delinquents" who entered another Tunis school and provoked incidents.

A teacher at a school at Sfax, Tunisia's second city, had also been arrested for inciting a group of pupils to strike and agitate, the communique said.

In South Lebanon

Palestinians-militia exchange fire

METULLA, Israel, March 15 (Agencies) — Palestinian commandos in the Beaufort Castle area of south Lebanon Saturday returned heavy mortar and artillery shells against a militia position near the Israeli border, a militia spokesman said. The militiamen at Tel Lubyia, in a valley below the ancient fortress, returned tank and artillery fire and the duel lasted several hours, the spokesman said. He said there were no casualties or damage.

The Palestine News Agency Wafa said in Beirut that Israeli and militia gunners later shelled Palestinian strongholds in the Arnoun area of south Lebanon. It said Palestinian commandos and their leftist allies returned the fire. There were no immediate reports of casualties or damage.

Earlier, Israeli-backed militia Saturday shelled an area where a small Lebanese army force had taken up position but there were no casualties, security sources in this southern Lebanese port town said.

Ford's muscat trip has little impact

MUSCAT, March 15 (AP) — The visit here of former U.S. President Gerald Ford had little public impact Saturday. It was briefly reported, with only a snap on television of Ford's arrival Friday night. The English-language bulletin of Oman radio did not mention him.

The visit was private the local government news service referred to it as "official." Meanwhile, diplomatic and business sources said the visit was probably linked with an official U.S. quest for improved military facilities here.

Although the embassy spokesman insisted

It was believed that Ford will go to the resort of Salalah for an audience with the Omani ruler, Sultan Qaboos.

153 granted amnesty in Afghanistan

NEW DELHI, March 15 (AP) — Afghanistan's Soviet-installed Babrak Karmal government has granted an amnesty to 153 political prisoners held in jails in Herat and Faryab provinces, Kabul radio reported.

The fighters were ordered to be released after they voiced support to the 14-month-old Karmal regime, the Pushtu-language broadcast said. The released men volunteered to fight for the "liquidation" of anti-Communist volunteers battling the Karmal government, which came to power in the December, 1979 Moscow-backed coup, the broadcast claimed.

Meanwhile, an Afghan exile source here reported Saturday that the bodyguard of Karmal was killed earlier this week in a clash at the presidential palace in the Afghan capital. The victim's brother, Mirghim, an Afghan secret police officer in New Delhi, rushed to Kabul Friday after being told about the killing, said the source, who asked not to be identified. Further details of the clash were not immediately available, he added.

The Afghan radio also said that 914 individuals and 80 families who had fled to Iran because of "atrocities" by the regime of former Afghan president Hafizullah Amin had returned through the Islam Qala border of Herat province.

Peres announces shadow cabinet

TEL AVIV, March 15 (R) — Opposition Labor Party leader Shimon Peres has announced a three-man economic team as the first choice for his cabinet should his party win the general election scheduled for June 30.

In a television interview, Peres said they were Prof. Haim Ben Sahaar, president of Tel Aviv University, Naphtalie Blumenthal of the Labor Federation for Industries, and Gad Yaacobi, a former labor minister of transport. "I have not yet decided which of these three will be candidate for finance minister or minister of trade and industry, but this team is the best in the country for coping with our economic problems," Peres said.

He said the third member would hold a key economic position if Labor forms the next government. Peres said he had been negotiating with Banker Yaacov Levinson for the post of finance minister but "differences of opinion on the role of the finance portfolio" did not make his candidature possible.

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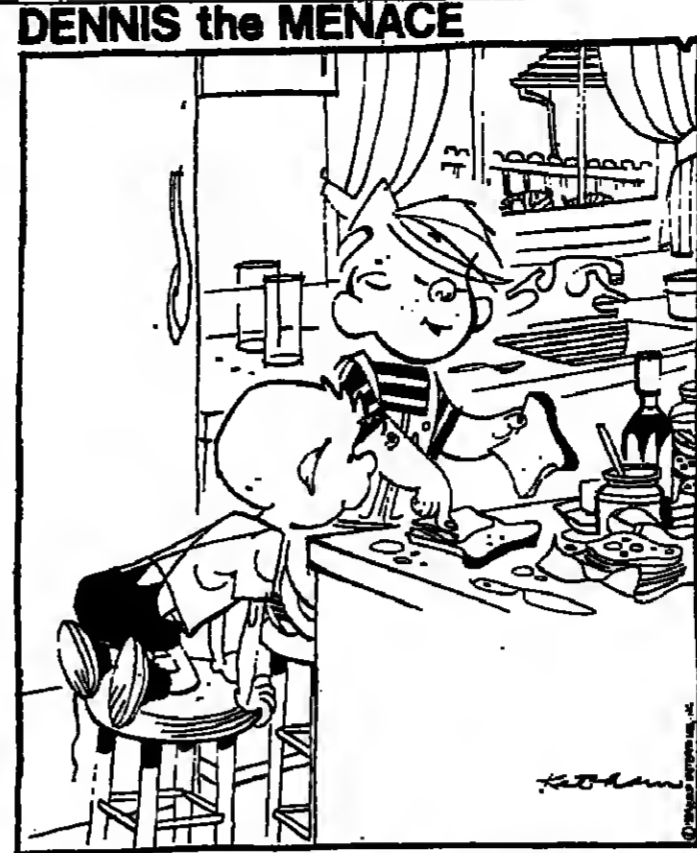
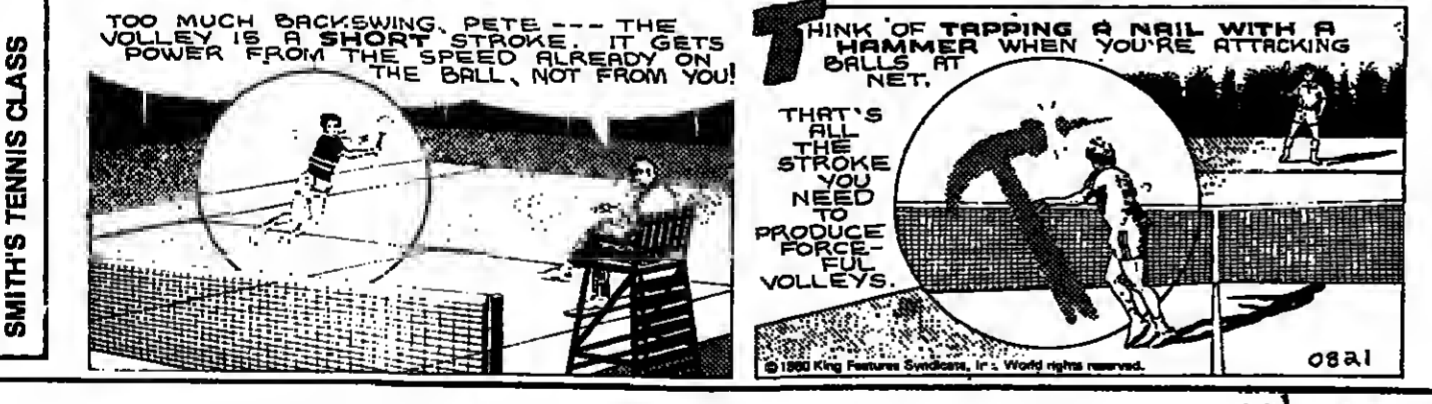
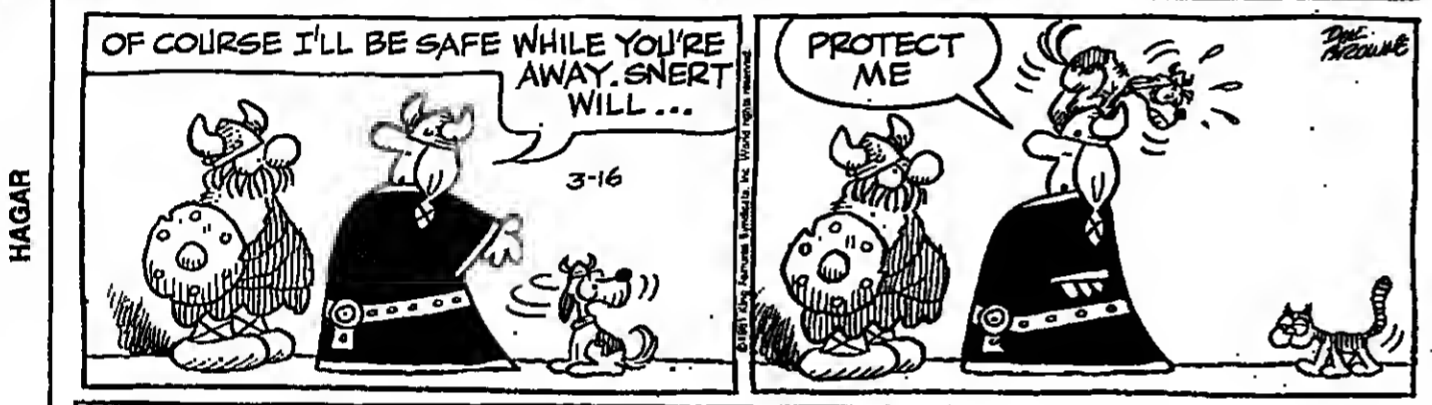
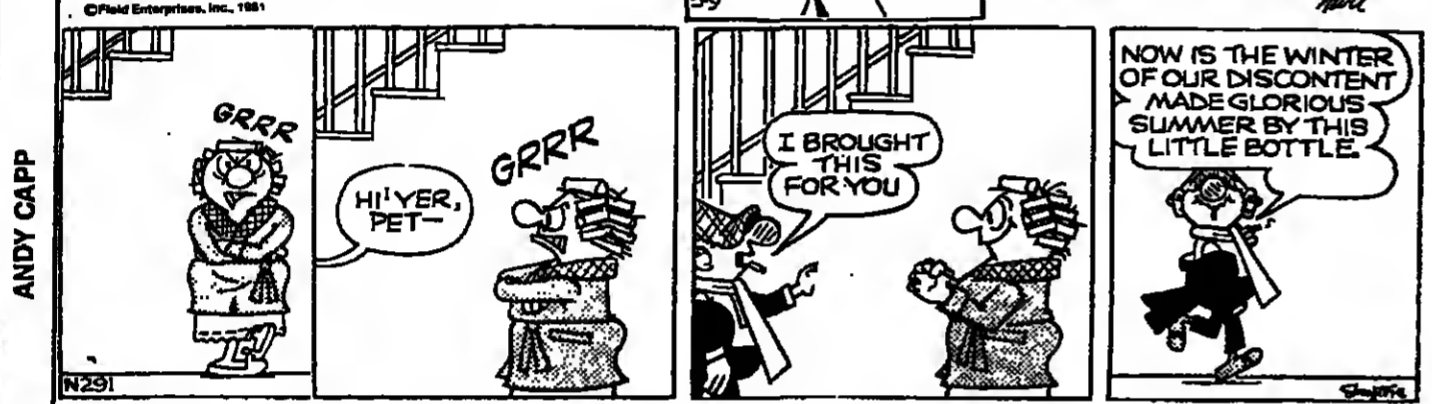
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Your Individual Horoscope

FRANCES DRAKE FOR MONDAY, MARCH 16, 1981. What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign. ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Certainly, you should enjoy pleasant times with a loved one, but be careful not to overdo. Keep in touch with distant friends. TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Capitalize on job opportunity. Friends and family don't mix favorably now. Minimize distractions. Utilize privacy effectively. GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Don't scatter your energies. Concentrate on bringing a creative project to completion. Local visits have romantic overtones. CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Legal matters aren't favored. Think of the long term when making purchases. Quality and durability are factors to consider. LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Make important phone calls. Capitalize on creative energy. Avoid disputes about money. Seek novel entertainments in the evening. VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Behind-the-scenes moves benefit you financially. Be considerate of close ties. Evening hours favor making new domestic plans. LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Friends are helpful now, but don't let socializing interfere with necessary work. A close tie may have unexpected good news. SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Be confidential about career moves. Don't mix business and pleasure. A new work or money opportunity should present itself now. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Club activities are favored. Distant friends are supportive. Be alert for new opportunity. Watch minor disputes. Enjoy home life. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) You'll realize some important career objectives now, but watch impulsive money decisions. Evening finds you making new domestic plans. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Close ties are helpful on a mental level, but watch minor disputes about finances. Accept an unexpected social invitation. PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20) Work towards the realization of long-term work goals. Keep peace with co-workers. You'll come up with a new way to increase income.

Crossword by THOMAS JOSEPH. ACROSS: 1 Marshall river, 5 Tire style, 11 Song refrain, 12 Reveal clearly, 13 Lone, 14 Drunk (sl.), 15 Indo-Chinese tribe, 16 Hawaiian food, 17 Call - day fabric, 18 Toward the center, 20 Gullet, 21 Fall guy, 22 Greek letter, 23 Animal track, 25 M.D. in TV reruns, 26 Trampled, 27 Archaic, 28 Piz color, 29 Infrequently, 31 Likely, 32 Hipster, 33 Collar, 35 Proved a bust, 37 Cotton fabric, 38 Fur, 39 Black, 40 Become abstruse. DOWN: 1 Intrigue, 2 Hawaiian veranda, 3 Eventually, 4 Negative vote, 5 Pistol sound, 6 Eschew, 7 Surmamed (Fr.), 8 Way back when, 9 Man-made, 10 Escorted out, 16 TV Jack, 19 Mrs. R. Wagner display, 22 Bombarde opera, 24 Pave the way, 25 Baltimore pro or carpus, 27 Heavy, 28 Bad manners talk, 29 Permit.

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE - Here's how to work it: AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW. One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different. CRYPTOQUOTES: NLG JHHD RKC K YHHM JHHD, KC JHDC YH; KVM KC JHDC YH, CLG RGVN - L. L. IBVEH. Saturday's Cryptoquote: SURGERY IS BY FAR THE WORST SNOB AMONG THE HANDICRAFTS. - AUSTIN O'MALLEY

arab news CALENDAR

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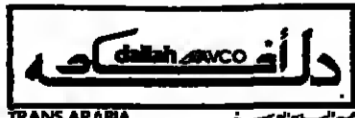
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Iraqi president warns Iran of fresh attacks

Time running out - Saddam

NICOSIA, March 15 (AP) - Iraqi President Saddam Hussein has warned Iran anew that time was running out for them to accept peace on his terms or face new Iraqi attacks.

"Iran cannot possibly sustain the military, political and human losses of the war too long," he was quoted as saying in an interview with a Lebanese weekly magazine.



Iraqi President Saddam Hussein

The plan proposed a ceasefire that would have started at midnight last Thursday and followed by the disengagement of forces within four weeks and a negotiated settlement of disputes under OIC auspices.

Poland trying to avert Radom warning strike

VARSÁV, March 15 (AFP) - With Warsaw Pact spring maneuvers in Poland imminent both the government and the independent labor union Solidarity have been working against the clock to avert a two-hour warning strike called for next Wednesday.

from the independent union movement, for violating the rights of the accused. According to Solidarity, the program, which was aired Wednesday, gave only one side of the story - that of the accuser.

Somalis bypass blown-up bridge

MOGADISHU, March 15 (R) - A bridge on the main north-south Somalia highway, which guerrillas said they blew up last week, has been bypassed and traffic continues to move, a Somali official said Sunday.

Leftists, army exchange gunfire in San Salvador

SAN SALVADOR, March 15 (AP) - Gunfire rattled the capital Saturday as anti-government guerrillas and soldiers exchanged gunfire in at least two downtown areas. Authorities said there were dead and wounded, but no figures were given.

French director dies

PARIS, March 15 (R) - French film director Rene Clair died early Sunday at the age of 82 at his home in a Paris suburb, friends said.

Kadar indicates Hungary dissidence growing

BUDAPEST, March 15 (AP) - Hungarian Communist Party chief Janos Kadar has indicated that political dissidence has increased in his country. Without mentioning Poland by name, Kadar said there were "opponents of socialism in Hungary too" who had become "slightly active" in recent months.

Rahman to visit Mali

DACCA, March 15 (AP) - President Ziaur Rahman will visit Senegal and Mali for four days beginning March 17, officials said Sunday.

Bangui goes to polls

BANGUI, March 15 (AFP) - Nearly one million electors in the Central African Republic began voting Sunday to choose a president in the country's first elections in 17 years.

Moi arrives in Ghana

ACCRA, March 15 (R) - President Daniel Arop Moi of Kenya, arriving in Ghana Saturday night for a two-day state visit, said he wanted to assess how the two countries could promote mutual efforts for the benefit of their people.

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Israel enjoying African sympathy

NAIROBI, March 15 (R) - The growing bond of friendship between Israel and South Africa is a source of concern to black Africa, the Sunday Nation said Sunday.

Good Morning

By Jihad Khazen. There are countries in which, by law or custom, women do not drive on the public highway. But even in those countries where they do, the accepted wisdom is that they do it very badly.

3 Basque arrested

PAMPLONA, Spain, March 15 (AP) - Three alleged members of the Basque separatist organization ETA were arrested three days ago and charged with kidnapping, robberies and attacks against official buildings, the paramilitary civil guard said Saturday.

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